Candidates are strongly encouraged to complete the Political Courage Test online at: https://secure.votesmart.org/candidate

Please indicate your positions on the following issues. You will be recognized for your Political Courage if you submit answers to the questions asked below. If you would like to provide a more detailed response, please do so in the “Other or expanded principles” section (all responses must be under 100 words).

The Political Courage Test must be signed and returned to our office by 11:59 pm CST the day of the deadline. 1153 24th Street Des Moines, IA 50311 - politicalcourage@votesmart.org

I, __________________________, am willing to tell citizens where I stand on the issues I may face if elected. I have demonstrated my Political Courage by indicating my position on the following issues.

Signed: __________________________ Date: ______________

District: __________________________ State: __________________________

Abortion & Reproductive Issues:

a) Do you generally support pro-choice or pro-life legislation? Pro-Choice___ Pro-Life___

b) Should abortion be legal when the pregnancy resulted from incest or rape? Yes___ No___

c) Do you support the prohibition of public funds for organizations that perform abortions? Yes___ No___

d) Other or expanded principles:

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Budget, Spending, & Tax Issues:

Budget Stabilization: Indicate which of the proposals you support (if any) for balancing North Dakota's budget.

a) Reducing state employee salaries AND/OR pensions? Yes___ No___

b) Instituting mandatory furloughs AND/OR layoffs for state employees? Yes___ No___

c) Reducing benefits for Medicaid recipients? Yes___ No___

d) An income tax increase on any tax bracket? Yes___ No___

e) Other or expanded principles:

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Campaign Finance & Government Reform Issues:

a) Do you support any limits on campaign contributions to state candidates? Yes___ No___

b) Do you support the regulation of indirect campaign contributions from corporations and unions? Yes___ No___

c) Do you support the use of an independent AND/OR bipartisan commission for redistricting? Yes___ No___

d) Do you support requiring a government-issued photo identification in order to vote at the polls? Yes___ No___

e) Other or expanded principles:

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Crime & Public Safety Issues:
a) Do you support capital punishment for certain crimes?  
   Yes___ No___
b) Do you support the legalization of marijuana for recreational purposes?  
   Yes___ No___
c) Should a minor accused of a violent crime be prosecuted as an adult?  
   Yes___ No___
d) Do you support the enforcement of federal immigration laws by state and local police?  
   Yes___ No___
e) Other or expanded principles:
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Economic Issues:
a) Do you support state government spending as a means of promoting economic growth?  
   Yes___ No___
b) Do you support lowering state taxes as a means of promoting economic growth?  
   Yes___ No___
c) Do you support reducing state government regulations on the private sector?  
   Yes___ No___
d) Do you support expanding access to unemployment benefits?  
   Yes___ No___
e) Do you support requiring welfare applicants to pass a drug test in order to receive benefits?  
   Yes___ No___
f) Do you support an increase of the minimum wage of North Dakota?  
   Yes___ No___
g) Do you support reducing regulations on industrial livestock farming in North Dakota?  
   Yes___ No___
h) Other or expanded principles:
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Education Issues:
a) Do you support adopting federal education standards in North Dakota?  
   Yes___ No___
b) Do you support state funding for charter schools?  
   Yes___ No___
c) Should immigrants unlawfully present in the United States who graduate from North Dakota high schools  
   be eligible for in-state tuition at public universities?  
   Yes___ No___
d) Other or expanded principles:
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Environment & Energy Issues:
a) Do you support state funding for the development of renewable energy (e.g. solar, wind, thermal)?  
   Yes___ No___
b) Do you support state government regulation of greenhouse gas emissions?  
   Yes___ No___
c) Do you support increasing state funding for clean drinking water initiatives?  
   Yes___ No___
d) Other or expanded principles:
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Gun Issues:
a) Do you generally support gun-control legislation?  
   Yes___ No___
b) Should background checks be required on gun sales between private citizens at gun shows?  
   Yes___ No___
c) Should teachers be allowed to bring guns into the classroom?  
   Yes___ No___
d) Should a license be required for gun ownership?  
   Yes___ No___
e) Other or expanded principles:
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Health Issues:
a) Should the state government increase funding for treatment facilities to combat opioid abuse? Yes__ No__
b) Do you support Medicaid expansion through North Dakota's health care programs? Yes__ No__
c) Do you support requiring individuals to purchase health care insurance? Yes__ No__
d) Do you support legislation that grants citizens the right to choose to die through euthanasia? Yes__ No__
e) Do you support eliminating religious exemptions for vaccinations? Yes__ No__
g) Do you support increasing state funding for mental health initiatives? Yes__ No__
g) Other or expanded principles:
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Social Issues
a) Do you support the inclusion of sexual orientation in North Dakota's anti-discrimination laws? Yes__ No__
b) Do you support the inclusion of gender identity in North Dakota's anti-discrimination laws? Yes__ No__
c) Do you support greater efforts by North Dakota state government in closing the pay gap between men and women? Yes__ No__
d) Other or expanded principles:
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Legislative Priorities: In the following area, on an attached page, or via e-mail, please explain in a total of 100 words or less, your top two or three priorities if elected. If they require additional funding for implementation, please explain how you would obtain this funding.
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