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 ___
   Yes ___ No ___

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:

Budget, Spending, & Tax Issues:

Budget Stabilization: Indicate which of the proposals you support (if any) for balancing New York'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:

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) Do you support replacing the cash bail system with a supervised release system for misdemeanor charges?  Yes __ No __
f) 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 New York?  Yes __ No __
g) Other or expanded principles:
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Education Issues:

a) Do you support adopting federal education standards in New York?  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 New York high schools be eligible for in-state tuition at public universities?  Yes __ No __
d) Should students’ standardized test scores be used to evaluate teacher performance?  Yes __ No __
e) 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 New York’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]

f) Other or expanded principles:

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**Social Issues**

a) Do you support the inclusion of sexual orientation in New York’s anti-discrimination laws? [Yes] [No]

b) Do you support the inclusion of gender identity in New York’s anti-discrimination laws? [Yes] [No]

c) Do you support greater efforts by New York state government in closing the pay gap between men and women? [Yes] [No]

d) Should New York permit localities to adopt “Sanctuary City” immigration policies? [Yes] [No]

e) 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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