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The Political Courage Test 2018 Pennsylvania Edition

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.
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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?
- b) Should abortion be legal when the pregnancy resulted from incest or rape?
- c) Do you support the prohibition of public funds for organizations that perform abortions?
- d) Other or expanded principles:

Pro-Choice___ Pro-Life___

Yes___ No___

Yes___ No___

Budget, Spending, & Tax Issues:

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

Yes___ No___

- a) Reducing state employee salaries AND/OR pensions?
- b) Instituting mandatory furloughs AND/OR layoffs for state employees?
- c) Reducing benefits for Medicaid recipients?
- d) An income tax increase on any tax bracket?
- e) Other or expanded principles:

Yes___ No___

Yes___ No___

Yes___ No___

Yes___ No___

Campaign Finance & Government Reform Issues:

- a) Do you support any limits on campaign contributions to state candidates?
- b) Do you support the regulation of indirect campaign contributions from corporations and unions?
- c) Do you support the use of an independent AND/OR bipartisan commission for redistricting?
- d) Do you support requiring a government-issued photo identification in order to vote at the polls?
- e) Do you support allowing early voting in Pennsylvania?
- f) Do you support reducing the size of the Pennsylvania General Assembly?
- g) Other or expanded principles:

Yes___ No___

Yes___ No___

Yes___ No___

Yes___ No___

Yes___ No___

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) Should school safety meetings be made available to the public? Yes__ No__
- f) Other or expanded principles:

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 Pennsylvania? Yes__ No__
- g) Do you support increasing state funding for road repairs?
- h) Other or expanded principles:

Education Issues:

- a) Do you support adopting federal education standards in Pennsylvania? 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 Pennsylvania high schools be eligible for in-state tuition at public universities? Yes__ No__
- d) Do you support providing virtual charter school alternatives to all K-12 students? Yes__ No__
- e) Other or expanded principles:

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:

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:

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 Pennsylvania'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:

Social Issues

- a) Do you support the inclusion of sexual orientation in Pennsylvania's anti-discrimination laws? Yes__ No__
- b) Do you support the inclusion of gender identity in Pennsylvania's anti-discrimination laws? Yes__ No__
- c) Do you support greater efforts by Pennsylvania state government in closing the pay gap between men and women? Yes__ No__
- d) Other or expanded principles:

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.*