

John Kluck Responses 10.21.16

Ms. Gramley,

Below are the answers to the questions you asked. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have need of any further clarification.

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1.) *Would you support the passage of a bill such as HB 1948 which bans abortions after 20 weeks gestation and bans dismemberment abortion? Yes or No Briefly explain your answer*

The decision by a woman to abort at any time is a difficult and emotional process. While I personally do not believe in the taking of any life, I also do not feel that at a time when many citizens favor smaller government with less regulation, that the government should engage in regulating what a woman may or may not do to her own body.

2.) *Would you support the passage of a bill that would rescind the law requiring abortion clinics to meet the same standards as an ambulatory surgical unit? Yes or No Briefly explain your answer*

No. The health of the mother is of utmost importance in cases where a woman makes the difficult choice to terminate a life. Therefore, I am in support of high standards of health care that ensure the safety of anyone requiring any procedure.

3.) *Would you support a bill such as HB 1510 which adds "sexual orientation and gender identity or expression" to the PA Human Relations Act impacting employment, housing and public accommodations? Yes or No Briefly explain your answer*

I support equal rights for all citizens of the Commonwealth. No resident of the Commonwealth of PA should feel that s/he is being discriminated against in any way.

4.) *Would you support the posting of the National Motto -- In God We Trust -- in public schools? Yes or No Briefly explain your answer*

I would support the posting of "In God We Trust" in our schools. There is already a plaque in the classrooms in our school with this National Motto. American schools should proudly display the National Motto just as the flag is present in each of our classrooms.

5.) *Would you support laws allowing early voting, same day voter registration or voting electronically? Which of these three would you or would you not support and why?*

I support all of these ideas. Electing leaders in a democratic society is an ideal that was fought for by our founding fathers. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania should work toward the goal of 100 percent participation in the electoral process. I am in favor of initiatives that make voting straightforward and easy. As technological advances have occurred, we should utilize them to make voting convenient to all citizens. As long as there are safeguards in place to ensure honest, fair elections, I would support all of these initiatives.

6.) Would you support a bill which would ban sexually oriented businesses from being owned by or to employ someone involved in sex trafficking, prostitution or child exploitation? Yes or No Briefly explain your answer

I would absolutely support legislation that would ban this. Anything that can be done to protect our children must be passed and enforced.

7.) Do you support raising the minimum wage to \$10.10 an hour? Yes or No Briefly explain your answer

Yes, I support raising the minimum wage. Minimum wage jobs were at one time a place to start a career with opportunities for advancement the longer you stayed employed by the same corporation/business. Today, there is little opportunity for such advancement making it difficult to sustain a family while earning minimum wage. As a result, minimum wage must be increased to help lift these people above the level of poverty.

8.) Do you support banning fracking in Pennsylvania? Yes or No Briefly explain your answer

Fracking took hold here years before its potential health impacts were considered. The extent of these impacts remains unknown. I do not support banning fracking but rather exploring the impact it is making on the quality of life of our residents before further fracking occurs in the Commonwealth.

9.) Would you support legislation that requires more extensive background checks before purchasing a gun?

All citizens have the right to bear arms as provided for by the 2nd Amendment. Rather than creating further legislation to limit and control the rights of law abiding citizens in regards to firearms, the laws and regulations currently on the books should be enforced. As a citizen and future representative I understand that no amount of legislation will keep firearms out of the hands of criminals so attempting to further impede citizens rights is a futile effort therefore, I would propose as I stated to enforce the laws currently on the books rather than creating and enacting new legislation.

10.) Would you support a law requiring schools to allow transgender students to use the restroom, shower and locker facilities of the gender they identify as? Yes or No Briefly explain your answer

Pennsylvania has a very small transgender population. According to the US Census Bureau, there is an estimated maximum of 4.7 transgender individuals per 100,000 residents. Estimated ranges are from

a study by the U.S. Census Bureau that uses changes to individuals' first names and sex-coding in files from the Social Security Administration from the 2010 census to identify likely transgender individuals. I support legislation that provides equal rights and also protects ALL of the residents of the Commonwealth. Consequently, because this affects such a small group of school aged students, I would like to see schools have the opportunity to address the issue using common sense methods that protect the rights of all students when such situations arise.