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Responses in green:

- 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 I would not support such a bill, primarily because the US Supreme Court has affirmed a woman's right to choose and I do not believe that the state should be meddling in doctor / patient relationships.
- 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 Once again, the Supreme Court has already ruled on this (Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt) and determined that bills such as this place an unnecessary burden.
- 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 would. The Constitution does not have different classes of citizenship.
- 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 not. I never trust the state to teach religion, think it's best taught in the home and church.
- 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 would. The third (voting electronically) is already in place (I would not support voting remotely and I would like our current system to have a paper trail). I also support the other two options. I think we need to make voting easier and more accommodating for busy working people and people with disabilities.
- 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. I don't think people engaged in illegal activity should be given state sanction.
- 7.) Do you support raising the minimum wage to \$10.10 an hour? Yes or No Briefly explain your answer No. I support raising the minimum wage to \$15 per hour.
- 8.) Do you support banning fracking in Pennsylvania? Yes or No Briefly explain your answer I do. Proximity to fracking sites has been linked to low birth weight, problem pregnancies, asthma, cardiac admissions, migraines, water contamination, air pollution. I also believe that we have an obligation to protect God's creation. Article 1 Section 27 of the PA Constitution guarantees each of us and future generations a right to "clean air, pure water." The industry has not demonstrated that it can frack safely.

9.) Would you support legislation that requires more extensive background checks before purchasing a gun? No. I also think this issue is a distraction from other, more important issues.

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 Yes. This is, yet another, example of people trying to use the state to solve a nonexistent problem.