

## Alabama Eagle Forum Candidate Questionnaire 2014

Thank you for offering yourself for public service through elected office. Since only an informed electorate can make sound decisions, we ask you to state your positions so that we can distribute them to your potential constituents. Please indicate your position with an A (Agree) or D (Disagree) and sign below. If you wish to clarify or expand on any question, please do so with an attachment.

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### State Government

1. I support improving the Alabama Constitution issue by issue so that each change can be clear to voters. I oppose a constitutional convention, which would jeopardize the rights of all the people through years of adjudication.

- Agree  
 Disagree

2. There is a great need to control government spending and reduce waste in government programs at every level. I pledge to reduce spending and increase accountability in spending.

- Agree  
 Disagree

3. The 10th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution limits the powers of the federal government by reserving all powers not explicitly granted to it for the states. I support legislation to nullify federal mandates that violate the Constitution.

- Agree  
 Disagree

4. We have a problem with the federal government not following our U. S. Constitution, not a problem with the Constitution itself, therefore I do not support calls for an Article V convention, which could put the rights guaranteed by our Constitution in jeopardy. I understand that while the states can request a convention, Article V says that the convention must be called by Congress and therefore Congress would set the rules for the Convention, not the states.

- Agree  
 Disagree

### Sanctity of Life

5. An unborn child has a fundamental right to life which cannot be infringed.

- Agree  
 Disagree

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6. Adult stem cell research which has shown considerable clinical success should be encouraged. Embryonic stem cell research which has shown NO clinical success requires the taking of a human life, and state funds should not be used to support it.

- Agree  
 Disagree

### Family Issues

7. Gambling corrupts government, adds no product to the economy, is not a dependable source of government revenue, and can be addictive and detrimental to family and community life. I oppose all legislative efforts to expand gambling, and I support enforcement of present criminal laws.

- Agree  
 Disagree

8. Preschoolers prosper best in the consistent loving care of parents or relatives. Any proposals that mandate a universal state baby-sitting program in the guise of prekindergarten should be stopped.

- Agree  
 Disagree

### Education

9. Parents have a fundamental right and responsibility to direct the education of their children. Their right to review instructional materials and records of their children is mandated by the federal No Child Left Behind Act. Schools should therefore be required to get prior informed consent from parents (opt-in, not opt-out) before they can conduct invasive surveys, physical or psychological exams or provide immunizations, medication or referrals.

- Agree  
 Disagree

10. I support local/state control of education curriculum and therefore oppose the Common Core State Standards Initiative (renamed in Alabama as the Alabama College and Career Ready Standards) that centralizes education decisions at the national level. There is no Constitutional or statutory authority for national standards, national curriculum or national assessments. Schools should be accountable to parents.

- Agree  
 Disagree

11. Will you commit to vote for repeal of Common Core and advocate for this issue to your colleagues in committee and on the floor?

- Agree  
 Disagree

12. I support local/state control of education standards, curricula and assessments and therefore oppose the adoption of additional national standards such as the Next Generation Science Standards or national standards for social studies.

- Agree  
 Disagree

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13. Parents must have the opportunity to exempt their children from questionable methodology, curriculum, classes or surveys which are offensive to their religion or values.

Agree

Disagree

14. Alabama has a law (16-40A-1) requiring abstinence-based education whenever drugs, alcohol or sex instruction is included in public school curricula. It further requires that if homosexuality is addressed, the schools must teach that it is illegal, unhealthy and unacceptable. This law must be enforced.

Agree

Disagree

15. Many of the textbooks and lesson plans promoted as Common Core aligned contain morally objectionable materials that promote sexuality and promiscuity, therefore are in violation of the Alabama law mentioned above and/or include political views that undermine our national sovereignty and therefore must not be allowed in our schools.

Agree

Disagree

16. No political campaigning should be allowed by school personnel in schools.

Agree

Disagree

17. Teachers should be allowed the academic freedom to teach the full range of scientific evidence regarding origins without fear of reprisal.

Agree

Disagree

### Property Rights

18. Private property rights and private ownership of real property must be protected. Eminent Domain should be exercised ONLY for public use, such as municipal buildings, schools, roads, or public utilities. I support an amendment to the Alabama Constitution and/or statutory changes to ensure private property rights are protected.

Agree

Disagree

### Immigration

19. State officials should enforce Alabama's illegal immigration legislation (HB56) as well as the Alabama Constitutional Amendment requiring that driver's license exams be given in English only.

Agree

Disagree