

Alabama Eagle Forum Legislative Candidate Questionnaire 2022

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), fill in appropriate blanks, and sign each page. If you wish to clarify or expand on any question, please do so with an attachment. Only fully completed questionnaires will be shared by Eagle Forum of Alabama.

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Candidate for _____

PLEASE RETURN BY .March 20, 2022. You may mail to: Eagle Forum of Alabama, 4200 Stone River Circle, Birmingham, AL 35213. You can also scan and e-mail the questionnaire to becky@alabamaeagle.org . For clarification or questions, call 205-879-7096.

State Government

1. 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 state government spending. Here are three state government programs or agencies I would cut in Alabama.

- Agree 1) 2) 3)
 Disagree

2. 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 will oppose all federal grants or any legislation which allows control or mandates from the federal government.

- Agree
 Disagree

3. *I do not support calls for an Article V convention*, which could put the rights guaranteed by our U. S. 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. I oppose state legislation which claims to control any proposed constitutional convention.

- Agree
 Disagree

Sanctity of Life

4. An unborn child has a fundamental right to life which cannot be infringed. I pledge to work to fully defund Planned Parenthood at the state level and all other abortion providers receiving state funding. Life clearly begins at conception. I disagree with the majority opinion of Roe v. Wade. I support its being overturned by the United States Supreme Court.

- Agree
 Disagree

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5. I support legislation to provide for additional members of the State Committee of Public Health to be appointed by the Governor in order to provide more accountability to elected officials and thus the general public. At the present time no members of this Committee are appointed by elected officials.

- Agree
- Disagree

Family Issues

6. Gambling corrupts government, adds no product to the economy, is not a dependable source of government revenue, and is 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

7. I support the Vulnerable Child Compassion and Protection Act, which passed the Alabama Senate 23-4 was not brought to the House floor for a vote. This bill would prohibit the performance of a medical procedure or the prescription or issuance of medication, upon or to a minor child, that is intended to alter the minor child's gender [sex] or delay puberty, with certain exceptions. It would provide for school disclosure of student information to parents.

- Agree
- Disagree

Education

8. Parents have a fundamental right and responsibility to direct the education of their children. Schools should therefore be required to get prior informed consent from parents (opt-in, not opt-out) before they can conduct any surveys, physical or psychological exams, or provide immunizations, medication or referrals.

- Agree
- Disagree

9. 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. Instead of improving academic achievement nationally or in Alabama, by every measure common core has drastically lowered student scores, reversing an upward trend in our state. There is no Constitutional authority for national standards, national curriculum or national assessments. Schools should be accountable to parents and students. I commit to vote for replacement of Common Core aligned standards.

- Agree
- Disagree

10. I support passing legislation at the state level to provide privacy protections for students and their families. I oppose the collection of PII (personally identifiable information) unless it is directly used for a legitimate academic purpose with parental consent.

- Agree
- Disagree

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11. Alabama statute (16-40A-1) requires abstinence-based education whenever sex education is included in public school curricula. I fully support this law. I do not support groups such as Southern Poverty Law Center or Planned Parenthood teaching or providing lesson plans in Alabama schools.

- Agree
- Disagree

12. I support legislation to prohibit classroom teaching and advocacy of the tenets of Critical Race Theory and instead require the teaching of thorough factual history.

- Agree
- Disagree

Property Rights

13. Private property rights and private ownership of real property must be protected. I support an amendment to the Alabama Constitution and/or statutory changes to ensure private property rights are protected from eminent domain abuse.

- Agree
- Disagree

14.. I will oppose all tax increases including a gas tax, infrastructure tax, or education tax. Instead, I will support cutting wasteful government programs to meet needs. Our state government agencies and programs have grown too large and many should never have been established.

- Agree
- Disagree

15. Tax incentives and economic regulations should be applied to all companies equally so that no companies benefit while others bear the financial burden. Crony capitalism violates free market principles by allowing select businesses to benefit from government regulation. The free market system can only work when we cut government regulations and ensure businesses have the freedom to fail as well as the freedom to succeed. The free market when allowed to flourish results in greater economic prosperity for all.

- Agree
- Disagree

16. We must eliminate many occupational licenses because they interfere directly with a private citizens' right to work and keeps many families in poverty. Name one occupational license that currently is a requirement in Alabama that you would eliminate now.

- Agree 1)
- Disagree

Second Amendment

17. I recognize that the Second Amendment guarantees each individual citizen the right to bear arms for personal security and as a check on government abuse. I support a Constitutional Carry bill (concealed carry).

- Agree
- Disagree

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Health Care

18. I oppose all government health care mandates at the state and federal level controlling individual health care decisions. I support free market solutions in health care. Health care decisions should be made by private citizens and their doctors without government interference.

- Agree
- Disagree

19. I strongly support the right of private citizens to buy insurance across state lines. Emergency health declarations must not restrict normal hospital care.

- Agree
- Disagree

Freedom of Religion and Speech

20. No Alabama business owner should be forced by the state or federal government to violate a deeply held religious belief. Example: freedom of religion and freedom of speech in the Bill of Rights mean that a Jewish baker should never be forced through government coercion to bake a cake with a neo-nazi symbol. I will fight any state legislation which compels speech or forces individual citizens to violate their deeply held religious beliefs.

- Agree
- Disagree

Governance during Declared Emergency

21.. I support a bill declaring COVID-19 an “Act of God” such that liability for catching the virus cannot be inflicted upon businesses, churches, and non-profits any more than they are held liable for common flu transmission.

- Agree
- Disagree

22. I support legislation prohibiting any Alabama citizen from being forced in any way to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

- Agree
- Disagree

23. I support a bill to require restructuring of Emergency Declarations by the Governor such that any quarantine or economic shutdown that extends longer than thirty days should require legislative sanction.

- Agree
- Disagree