

Alabama Eagle Forum Legislative Candidate Questionnaire 2025-26

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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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

4. I support the requirement for Proof of Citizenship to vote in Alabama.

- ☒ Agree
☐ Disagree

Property Rights

5. Private property rights and private ownership of real property must be protected.

Agree



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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

Sanctity of Life

6 Life begins at conception and 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, since they continue to advocate for abortion and the availability of chemical abortion drugs..

☒ Agree

☐ Disagree

7. I reject legislation to create a right to In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) and/or Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) to mandate federal or state funding or insurance coverage.

☒ Agree

☐ Disagree

8. I reject legislation to mandate federal or state funding or insurance coverage for In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) and/or Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART). I reject the right of IVF providers to avoid liability for negligent actions in the provision of this service.

☒ Agree

☐ Disagree

Family Issues

9. 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

Education

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. Instead of improving academic achievement nationally or in Alabama, 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

11. 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



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12. 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

13. States are considering legislation to restore to higher education a civics education which would ground our young people in the great and good lessons of the past. Called the General Education Act, it would require study in Western Civilization through the classics in literature and the arts, in economic theory, and in American history through original source documents emphasizing such founding principles as natural rights, liberty, equality, representative democracy and constitutional self-government. I would support this program in an Alabama university to equip leaders for the future of America?

☒ Agree

☐ Disagree

14. Sex ed programs called Comprehensive Sex Education (CSE) advocate normalizing teen sexual activity, both heterosexual and homosexual, and focus on contraceptive use. They are supported by Planned Parenthood, the Southern Poverty Law Center, and Alabama Campaign for Adolescent Sexual Health. Alternatively, Sexual Risk Avoidance (SRA) programs advocate optimal physical and mental health by educating teens on STDs, reproductive health, the benefits of abstinence, and making wise choices. I support the use of ONLY Sexual Risk Avoidance programs in Alabama public schools.

☒ Agree

☐ Disagree

Taxes

15.. 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

☒ Agree

☐ Disagree

16. 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

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

☒ Agree

☐ Disagree

Cosmetologist



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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.

☒ Agree

☐ Disagree

20. I support a bill to require restructuring of a Health Emergency Declaration by the Governor such that any quarantine or economic shutdown that extends longer than thirty days should require legislative sanction. Emergency health declarations must not restrict normal hospital care.

☒ Agree

☐ Disagree

21. The marijuana dispensary business is a legalized form of drug dealing. The 2021 AL law has too few restrictions and guidelines. It should be repealed or changed to prevent serious harm.

☒ Agree

☐ Disagree

22. I support restrictions to protect young people from vaping and edible marijuana products and hemp based products with a THC concentration of greater than 3%.

☒ Agree

☐ Disagree

Freedom of Religion and Speech

23. 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

Financial

24. Discrimination based upon political thought is wrong, therefore I support legislation that would ban financial institutions from closing accounts of people and legal business because of their business or political opinions (called debanking).

☒ Agree

☐ Disagree

