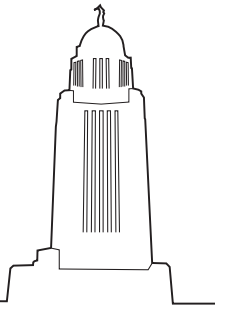


# Nebraska Right to Life

Political Action Committee



## 2018 General Election Voter Guide

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### Survey for State Candidates

#### ABORTION-RELATED QUESTIONS

In its 1973 rulings, Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton, the U.S. Supreme Court created a constitutional “right to abortion” which invalidated the abortion laws in all 50 states, giving us a policy of abortion on demand whereby a woman may obtain an abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy for any reason. Nebraska Right to Life (NRL) believes that unborn children should be protected by law.

**Under what circumstances, if any, do you believe abortion should be legal?**

- 1A. In no case.
- 1B. To prevent the death of the mother.
- 1C. In cases of rape and incest.
- 1D. In cases of fetal anomaly.
- 1E. In cases to select the desired sex of the child.

In 2010 the Nebraska Legislature was first in the Nation to pass a NRL-initiated bill to ban abortion at 20 weeks gestation and up, based upon an unborn baby’s ability to feel pain. It has not been legally challenged so Nebraska is among those States that has been able to ban abortion after 20 weeks. Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton created a “right to abortion” for any reason until “viability” (into the sixth month) and for any “health” reasons, including “emotional” health, even during the first three months of pregnancy. In the 1992 ruling of Casey v. Planned Parenthood, the Supreme Court reaffirmed the core findings of Roe v. Wade and said that any law placing an “undue burden” on access to abortion would be struck down.

- 2. Do you support reversing or changing the Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton decisions so that elected legislative bodies (the State Legislatures and U.S. Congress) may once again protect unborn children by limiting and/or prohibiting abortion?
- 3. Would you support banning the use of public facilities, employees or funds for the performance of or referral for abortion?
- 4. Would you support defunding federal and state tax dollars from organizations such as Planned Parenthood?
- 5. Abortion clinics in Nebraska are largely unregulated. Would you support requiring abortion clinics to meet the same public health standards as other outpatient surgical facilities?

#### MEDICAL ETHICS QUESTIONS

Note: For Questions 6 & 7, the term “use” means: “the sale, purchase, research and/or transplantation of”

- 6. Would you support banning the “use” of human embryonic stem cells, either multiple frozen embryos

created through in vitro fertilization or embryos created for the express purpose of medical research?

- 7. Would you support banning the “use” of cloning (somatic cell nuclear transfer) of new human embryos either for therapeutic research or for reproductive purposes?
- 8. Would you support protecting the rights of medical professionals and institutions not to be forced into actions that violate their moral and ethical beliefs regarding abortion, euthanasia and unethical medical research?

#### EUTHANASIA

Some hospitals have implemented formal policies authorizing denial of lifesaving medical treatment against the will of the patient or the patient’s family if an ethics committee thinks the patient’s so-called “quality of life” is unacceptable. The federal Patient Self-Determination Act currently requires health care facilities receiving Medicare or Medicaid to ask patients upon admission whether they have an advance directive indicating their desire to receive or refuse lifesaving treatment under certain circumstances.

- 9. Would you support a ban on physician-assisted suicide?
- 10. Would you oppose involuntary denial of life-saving medical treatment on the basis of a view that treats extending the life of an elderly, disabled or terminally ill individual as of lower value than extending the life of an individual who is younger, non-disabled or not terminally ill?

#### ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS REGARDING LEGISLATURE; FOR STATE LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES ONLY

(Federal, State Constitutional Officers, State Board of Education, Board of Regents & Public Service Commission candidates need not answer the following)

- 11. In the Legislature, many want to be known as pro-life and will vote pro-life, but few senators are willing to introduce NRL-initiated legislation. Can Nebraska Right to Life count on you to seriously consider introducing NRL-initiated legislation that we would like to see pursued?
- 12. Can Nebraska Right to Life count on you to seriously consider “prioritizing” NRL-initiated legislation to help it move out of committee, receive floor debate and final passage?
- 13. Would you vote to “pull” a bill out of committee to the floor if the committee is holding NRL-initiated legislation?

	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Comments
<b>U.S. SENATE</b>															
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Deb Fischer (EPLI)</b>	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
<b>(Endorsed by National Right to Life PAC)</b>															
Jane Raybould (DNR) (Endorsed by Planned Parenthood Action Fund)															
Jim Schultz (DNR)															
<b>U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES</b>															
<b>Dist. 1</b>															
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Jeff Fortenberry (EPLI)</b>	--	Y*	--	--	--	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
<b>(Endorsed by National Right to Life PAC)</b>															
Jessica McClure (DNR) (Endorsed by Planned Parenthood Action Fund)															
<b>Dist. 2</b>															
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Don Bacon (EPLI)</b>	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
<b>(Endorsed by National Right to Life PAC)</b>															
Kara Eastman (DNR) (Endorsed by Planned Parenthood Action Fund, NARAL Pro-Choice America and Recommended by Emily's List)															
<b>Dist. 3</b>															
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Adrian Smith (EPLI)</b>	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
<b>(Endorsed by National Right to Life PAC)</b>															
Paul Theobald (DNR)															
<b>GOVERNOR</b>															
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Pete Ricketts (EPLI)</b>	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*
<b>(Endorsed by National Right to Life PAC)</b>															
Bob Krist (DNR)															
<b>SECRETARY OF STATE</b>															
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Bob Evnen (EPL)</b>	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Spencer Danner (DNR)															
<b>STATE TREASURER</b>															
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>John Murante (EPL)</b>	Y	--	--	--	--	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
<b>STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL</b>															
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Doug Peterson (EPLI)</b>	--	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
<b>STATE AUDITOR</b>															
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Charlie Janssen (EPLI)</b>	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Jane Skinner (DNR)															

**Answers to Survey**

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Nebraska Right to Life Political Action Committee  
Pro-Life Endorsed Candidates are in:

Underlined

**Bolded and Check Marked.**

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See State Legislature Ranking Key on Page 3, Criteria for Endorsement on Page 4

**Special Endorsement Criteria for State Legislative Candidates Only:** The passage of legislation in our Nebraska Legislature is where Nebraska Right to Life has had the greatest public policy impact. In an effort to better engage grassroots voters and educate them about the process, the NRL Board voted in April 2014 to create a new ranking system only for State Legislative candidates. The new ranking system rewards those incumbents who introduce or prioritize NRL-initiated legislation or who work very hard to get NRL-initiated legislation out of committee. Hopefully pro-life voters in legislative districts will seek out the candidates and their current State Senator and encourage them to take a more active role in introducing and prioritizing NRL-initiated legislation as well as working diligently to get bills out of the Judiciary and Health Committees.

	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Comments
<b>STATE LEGISLATURE</b>																		
<b>Dist. 2</b>																		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Robert Clements (EPLI)</b>	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Susan Lorence (DNR)																		
<b>Dist. 4</b>																		
<b>Robert Hilkemann (PLI)</b>	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Shannon Coryell (DNR) (Endorsed by Planned Parenthood Voters of Nebraska)																		
<b>Dist. 6</b>																		
<b>Theresa Thibodeau (PLI)</b>	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Machaela Cavanaugh (DNR) (Endorsed by Planned Parenthood Voters of Nebraska)																		
<b>Dist. 8</b>																		
<b>Mina Davis (DNR)</b>																		
Megan Hunt (DNR) (From her website: "Megan will lead the fight against any attempt to defund reproductive health care providers. All women need access to safe reproductive health care, no matter where they live." "Natural family planning" is not contraception. Abstinence-only education does not work. Crisis pregnancy centers are ministries, not health care centers. Awarding Title X funding for family planning services to these organizations is absurd and offensive.)																		
<b>Dist. 10</b>																		
<b>Matthew Deaver (New-APL)</b>	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Wendy DeBoer (DNR)																		

**STATE LEGISLATURE**

Dist.	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Comments
<b>Dist. 12</b>																		
Merv Riepe (PLI)	N	Y*	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Steve Lathrop (DNR)																		
<b>Dist. 14</b>																		
John Arch (New-APL)	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	--*
Jeff Parris (DNR)																		
<b>Dist. 16</b>																		
Ben Hansen (New-APL)	--	Y*	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Chuck Hassebrook, (DNR)																		
<b>Dist. 18</b>																		
Brett Lindstrom (PLI)	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Scott Winkler (DNR)																		
<b>Dist. 20</b>																		
Jackie Collett (DNR), John McCollister (I-Poor Record) (DNR)																		
<b>Dist. 22</b>																		
Mike Moser (New-APL)	--	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Douglas Oertwich (New-APL)	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
<b>Dist. 24</b>																		
Mark Kolterman (PLI)	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*
Stephanie Nantkes (DNR) (Endorsed by Planned Parenthood Voters of Nebraska)																		
<b>Dist. 26</b>																		
Bob Van Valkenburg (New-APL)	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*
Matt Hansen (DNR)																		
<b>Dist. 28</b>																		
Patty Pansing Brooks (DNR) (Endorsed by Planned Parenthood Voters of Nebraska)																		
<b>Dist. 30</b>																		
Myron Dorn	--	Y	Y	--	N	Y	--*	N	Y	--*	Y	Y	Y	--*	Y	Y	Y	
Don Schuller (DNR)																		
<b>Dist. 32</b>																		
Tom Brandt (DNR), Laura Ebke (I-Mixed Record) (DNR)																		
<b>Dist. 34</b>																		
Curt Friesen (DNR, PLI)																		
<b>Dist. 36</b>																		
Matt Williams (DNR, PLI)																		
<b>Dist. 38</b>																		
Dave Murman (New-APL)	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*
Marsha Fangmeyer (DNR)																		
<b>Dist. 40</b>																		
Timothy Gragert (New-APL)	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Keith Kube (New-APL)	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*
<b>Dist. 42</b>																		
Mike Groene (DNR, PLI)																		
Judy Pederson (DNR)																		
<b>Dist. 44</b>																		
Dan Hughes (PLI)	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Stephanie Malcolm (DNR)																		
<b>Dist. 46</b>																		
Adam Morfeld (DNR) (Endorsed by Planned Parenthood Voters of Nebraska)																		
<b>Dist. 48</b>																		
John Stinner (DNR, PLI)																		

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER (NRL Board Decided Not To Endorse In PSC Races)**

Dist.	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Comments
<b>Dist. 1</b>															
Dan Watermeier	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	--	Y	Y	Y	*
Christa Yoakum (DNR, Chair of Planned Parenthood Voters of Nebraska. From Courthouse Magazine 4/18/18: You might recognize Yoakum from her time on the LPS Strategic Planning Committee or from her work with the YWCA and Planned Parenthood.)															
<b>Dist. 3</b>															
Tim Schramm	N*	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Mike Forsythe (DNR)															

**Vote Pro-Life  
November 6th!**



**Legislature  
Ranking Key**

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**ENDORSED PRO-LIFE INCUMBENT: Leads & Votes**  
Pro-Life: Senators who have either introduced and/or prioritized a pro-life bill and/or have demonstrated exemplary effort to move a bill out of committee as well as votes pro-life on the floor. (EPLI)

**ENDORSED PRO-LIFE (EPL)**

**PRO-LIFE INCUMBENT:**  
Senators who vote pro-life on the floor and/or in committee. (PLI)

**NEW, ANSWERED PRO-LIFE:**  
Candidate who is not an incumbent and has responded pro-life to our NRL PAC survey in agreement with our main principles. (New-APL)

**PRO-LIFE APPOINTEE (PLA)**

**DID NOT RESPOND (DNR)**

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Dist. 5</b>															
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Maris Bentley (EPL)</b>	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*
Patricia Timm (DNR)															
<b>Dist. 6</b>															
Maureen Nickels (DNR)															
<b>Dist. 7</b>															
Robin Stevens	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Dist. 8</b>															
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Pat McPherson (EPLI)</b>	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Deborah Neary (DNR)															

### STATE BOARD OF REGENTS

	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Comments
<b>Dist. 3</b>															
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Jim Pillen (EPLI)</b>	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
<b>Dist. 4</b>															
Larry Bradley (DNR), Elizabeth O'Connor (DNR)															
<b>Dist. 5</b>															
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Rob Schafer (EPLI)</b>	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Robert Prokup	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*
<b>Dist. 8</b>															
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Hal Daub (EPLI)</b>	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*
Barbara Weitz (DNR)															

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## NRL PAC CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENT CRITERIA

Nebraska Right to Life PAC sends a survey to every candidate for State and Federal office except in special circumstances. If the survey is not returned by deadline, a "Did Not Respond" is put by the candidate's name. NRL PAC representatives make an effort to interview candidates for major offices either prior to the Primary or between the Primary and General Elections. We rely on input from Board members and members of our local Chapter network throughout the State, as well as pro-lifers from the candidate's district. Criteria for a pro-life endorsement includes a returned survey and agreement with major principles on the survey. Concurrence with NRL PAC's position on every survey question is not required for a pro-life endorsement. Some issues are "deal-breakers" for an endorsement such as overturning Roe v. Wade, opposition to euthanasia, abortion funding and unethical bio-medical research. A 100 percent pro-life voting/action record is a rarity and not required to receive an endorsement. Newcomers with no previous record of action/voting can claim to be 100 percent, but there is nothing to base that on. When incumbents seeking the same office have a good pro-life record, they are given special consideration with a sole endorsement, even if a pro-lifer is challenging them. NRL PAC is one of the few groups which prints all of the answers of every candidate who responds to our survey. We feel it is the only fair way to let the pro-life voter know where the candidates stand.