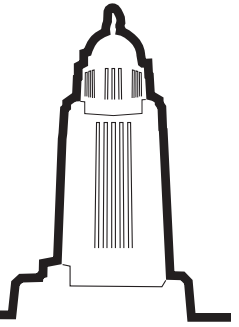


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# Nebraska Right to Life

Political Action Committee



## 2016 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.

*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 de-funding federal and state tax dollars from organizations such as Planned Parenthood?
5. Would you support legislation that would remove from Obamacare the funding of elective abortions?
6. Would you support legislation that would restrict the further expansion of abortion through administrative actions by various federal entities under Obamacare?
7. 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 8 & 9, the term “use” means: “the sale, purchase, research and/or transplantation of”

8. 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?
9. Would you support banning the “use” of cloning (somatic cell nuclear transfer) of new human embryos either for therapeutic research or for reproductive purposes?
10. 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.

11. Would you support a ban on physician-assisted suicide?
12. Would you oppose involuntary denial of lifesaving 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?

#### POLITICAL FREE SPEECH QUESTION

NRL Political Action Committee is registered under the Nebraska Accountability & Disclosure Commission to conduct political activity advocating for or against specific candidates as well as for or against ballot issues. As such, NRL PAC funds are entirely separate from other funds and NRL PAC reports all expenditures and income for its PAC to NADC. The following issue does not involve NRL PAC, but non-political contact and issue advocacy by citizens groups, which NRL Inc. engages in.

In recent years, some powerful members of Congress and special interest groups have pushed for enactment of regulations on what they call “grassroots lobbying,” by which they mean organized efforts to encourage citizens to contact elected officials to express a point of view about a public policy issue. NRL believes that such communication by citizens to their leaders should be encouraged and that such activity should not be hampered by record keeping and reporting requirements.

13. Would you oppose legislation that would impose new regulatory burdens on efforts to motivate citizens to contact elected officials?
14. Would you oppose legislation that would penalize non-profit corporations, such as NRL Inc., for engaging in the types of free speech that the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled are protected by the First Amendment?

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

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

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

**PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT:** Both National Right to Life and Nebraska Right to Life **SUPPORT DONALD TRUMP FOR PRESIDENT & MIKE PENCE FOR VICE PRESIDENT.** Trump has filled out an NRLC survey and has released a list of potential U.S. Supreme Court Justices vetted by conservative legal organizations. Trump opposes Roe v. Wade and supports removing taxpayer funding of the abortion industry. Pence has a solid pro-life record as both Indiana Governor and as a former Congressman.

We **OPPOSE** Hillary Clinton and Tim Kaine. They are endorsed by Planned Parenthood Action Fund and NARAL Pro-Choice America. They both have abysmal elective office records on abortion. Clinton would continue the past 8 years of pro-abortion advocacy from the White House and could potentially name from 3 to 5 U.S. Supreme Court Justices, forever changing the tenor of the Court. Kaine's attempt to pass himself off as a Catholic politician belies his record in support of abortion. The 3rd Party Libertarian and Green Party candidates are also pro-choice and unacceptable. In our view, a vote for a 3rd Party candidate or a write-in vote is a vote to help Hillary Clinton attain the White House.

**U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Name	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Dist. #1</b> <b>JEFF FORTENBERRY (PLI)</b> Daniel Wik	--	Y*	--	--	--	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	--*
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Dist. #2</b> <b>DON BACON</b> Brad Ashford (DNR) Has a 100% rating from Planned Parenthood Action Fund and 100% rating from NARAL Pro-Choice America. Has a 0% rating from National Right to Life.	Y*	N*	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Dist. #3</b> <b>ADRIAN SMITH (PLI)</b>	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y



**Vote Pro-Life  
Nov. 8th!**

**Answers to Survey**

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

**CAPITAL LETTERS,**

Underlined

**Bolded**

and  
Check Marked.

**SURVEY KEY**

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**State Legislature Ranking Key On Page 3**

See Criteria For Endorsement Box on Page 4

**Ranking System For State Legislature 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. This new ranking rewards those who lead through the much-needed task of introducing and prioritizing pro-life legislation that NRL supports. 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 legislation as well as working diligently to get bills out of the Judiciary and Health Committees. **For more information, see Legislature Ranking Key on Page 3.**

**STATE LEGISLATURE**

<b>Dist. 1</b> Dan Watermeier (PLI)	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Dist. 3</b> <b>TOMMY GARRETT (EPLI)</b> Carol Blood (DNR)	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<b>Dist. 5</b> Gilbert Ayala (New-APL) Mike McDonnell (New-APL)	N*	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<b>Dist. 7</b> John Synowiecki (New-APL) Tony Vargas (DNR)	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

**STATE LEGISLATURE**

	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
<b>Dist. 9</b>																						
Larry Roland (New-APL)	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sara Howard (DNR) 100% rating from Planned Parenthood Voters of Nebraska																						
<b>Dist. 11</b>																						
John Sciara (New-APL)	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ernie Chambers (DNR, 100% rating from Planned Parenthood Voters of Nebraska)																						
<b>Dist. 13</b>																						
Jill Brown (DNR)																						
Justin Wayne (DNR)																						
<b>Dist. 15</b>																						
David Schnoor (PLI)	Y	--	--	--	--	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	--	--	--*
Lynne Walz (DNR)																						
<b>Dist. 17</b>																						
Joni Albrecht (New-APL)	Y	--	--	--	--	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ardel Bengtson (DNR)																						
<b>Dist. 19</b>																						
Jim Scheer	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	--	--	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<b>Dist. 21</b>																						
Mike Hilgers (New-APL)	N*	--*	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Larry Scherer (DNR)																						
<b>Dist. 23</b>																						
Jerry Johnson (PLI)	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	--*	--*	Y
Bruce Bostelman (New-APL)	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<b>Dist. 25</b>																						
Suzanne Geist (New-APL)	--	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jim Gordon (DNR)																						
<b>Dist. 27</b>																						
Dick Clark (New-APL)	Y	N*	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Anna Wishart (DNR)																						
<b>Dist. 29</b>																						
Kate Bolz (DNR) 100% rating from Planned Parenthood Voters of Nebraska																						
Melody Vaccaro (DNR)																						
<b>Dist. 31</b>																						
Ian Swanson (New-APL)	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Rick Kolowski (DNR)																						
<b>Dist. 33</b>																						
Steve Halloran (New-APL)	Y	N*	N*	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Les Seiler (DNR)																						
<b>Dist. 35</b>																						
Gregg Neuhaus (New-APL)	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Dan Quick (DNR)																						
<b>Dist. 37</b>																						
Bob Lammers (New-APL)	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
John Lowe Sr. (New-APL)	Y*	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<b>Dist. 39</b>																						
Lou Ann Linehan (New-APL)	Y	--*	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bill Armbrust	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y*	N*	Y*	Y*	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y*	Y	Y	--*	--*	--*		
<b>Dist. 41</b>																						
Tom Briese (New-APL)	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<b>Dist. 43</b>																						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>AL DAVIS</b> (EPLI)	--	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tom Brewer (New-APL)	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<b>Dist. 45</b>																						
Sue Crawford	N	Y	Y	--	N	Y	--	--	--	--	Y*	Y*	Y*	Y	Y*	--	--	Y	--	--		
Michael Cook (DNR)																						
<b>Dist. 47</b>																						
Karl Elmshaeuser (New-APL)	Y	--	--	--	--	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Steve Erdman (New-APL)	Y*	--	--	--	--	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<b>Dist. 49</b>																						
John Murante (DNR)																						

**Legislature Ranking Key**

**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. Must also respond to our NRL PAC survey in agreement with our main principles. (EPLI)**

**PRO-LIFE INCUMBENT: Senators who vote pro-life on the floor and/or in committee. Must also respond to our NRL PAC survey in agreement with our main principles. (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)**

**If your Senator is a PLI, Pro-Life Incumbent but not Endorsed, it means they did not introduce or prioritize NRL pro-life legislation or work to get it out of Committee.**

**Vote As If Someone's Life Depends Upon It, As Indeed It Does!**



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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION</b>																		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>#1 STEPHANIE BOHLKE-SCHULTE</b>	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
#1 Patsy Koch Johns (DNR)																		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>#2 GLEN FLINT (PLA)</b>	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
#2 Lisa Fricke (DNR)																		
#3 Rachel Wise (DNR)																		
#4 John Witzel (DNR)																		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>STATE BOARD OF REGENTS</b>																		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>#6 PAUL KENNEY</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	--	--
#6 Marsha Fangmeyer (DNR)																		
#7 Bob Phares (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. If the survey is not returned by deadline, a "Did Not Respond" is put by the candidate's name. NRL PAC representatives 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 around 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 abortion funding, euthanasia and unethical bio-medical research. Incumbents to an office or current elected officials seeking a different office are held to a higher standard by virtue of the fact that they have a voting record which we also take into consideration. However, a 100% 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% 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 will consider Federal Democrat races on a case by case basis. 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.