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## MICHIGAN LEGISLATIVE CONFIDENTIAL QUESTIONNAIRE

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### Right to Life of Michigan Principles

RLM holds firmly to the principle that human life is precious and demands utmost respect. It is a scientifically recognized fact that the continuum of human life uniquely begins at fertilization (when distinctive genetic make-up is present). We believe that the unborn child is a person who is innocent, vulnerable and in need of our protection and the protection of our laws. We believe that the right to life of all innocent persons, born and unborn, must be protected regardless of race, age, sex, health, degree of disability or circumstances of conception.

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1. In its 1973 ruling in 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 through the entire nine months of pregnancy.

a. Michigan's law prohibiting abortions **except to save the life of the mother** remains on the books, though largely unenforceable due to Roe v. Wade. Should the U.S. Supreme Court overturn Roe, would you **support** all efforts necessary to ensure the law's reinstatement and full enforcement? (The law as written, and enforced before 1973, provided no penalty for a pregnant woman seeking or obtaining an abortion.)

YES

NO

b. When Roe is overturned and if, for some reason, the Michigan law in (a) above is declared null and void, would you **support** legislation that would prohibit abortion, except in cases necessary to save the life of the mother?

YES

NO

2. Another alternative for restoring legal rights to the unborn is to amend the U.S. Constitution to establish "personhood" for all human beings, including the unborn. Would you **support** ratification of such an amendment that would prohibit abortion, except where every effort to save the life of both mother and child has failed?

YES

NO

3. Michigan has adopted a number of laws pertaining to abortion and protecting unborn children. Would you **support** all efforts necessary to ensure that **all** of the following **present** laws are enforced?

- a. Require that women receive written information about abortion risks and alternatives, child development, etc., with a 24-hour waiting period; and be given the opportunity to see an ultrasound of their unborn baby.
- b. Prohibit public school employees from counseling or referring students for abortions.
- c. Redirect tax funds away from any organizations and institutions which perform, promote, counsel or refer for abortions?
- d. Requiring the facilities performing a high volume of abortions per year to be licensed and periodically inspected by the state.
- e. Requiring any physician treating a woman with complications from abortion to report those complications to the state.
- f. Requiring life-saving medical treatment be given to a child born alive as a result of a failed abortion.

YES

NO

If **NO**, which one(s) do you **NOT** agree with: \_\_\_a; \_\_\_b; \_\_\_c; \_\_\_d; \_\_\_e; \_\_\_f

4. All unborn children are deserving of protection regardless of their health, sex or circumstances of conception. A violent act resulting in their conception is not reason to allow the violent act of abortion to take the lives of unborn children. Legal exceptions allowing abortion for fetal deformity, rape or incest deprive innocent unborn children of their civil rights. Would you **support** legislation that protects these vulnerable children as well as oppose attempts to deny them their right to life, regardless of their circumstances of conception?

YES

NO

5. Under Proposal 2 of 2008, the Michigan Constitution protects the unrestricted use of "excess" human embryos from fertility treatment for any type of research involving stem cells. Many other parameters regarding biotechnical research remained undefined in law. Would you **support** legislation to provide reporting and oversight of human embryo research and to **prohibit** the expansion of such research into areas such as creating human-animal hybrid embryos, buying and selling human eggs or human embryos and cloning technology?

YES

NO

6. The federal health care law (Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act) requires all states to operate "health insurance exchanges," but allows states to "opt-out" of including coverage for elective abortions in any policy offered through these exchanges. With regard to preventing health insurance coverage for elective abortion, would you **support** the following:

a. State legislation to prohibit insurance plans offered through federally-required insurance exchanges from including elective abortion as a covered benefit?

YES

NO

b. State legislation to prohibit coverage for elective abortion as a standard benefit in any health insurance plan, requiring that all coverage for elective abortion be purchased voluntarily by an optional rider to the plan with an additional, separate premium?

YES

NO

7. Would you **support** legislation protecting from discrimination or legal liability health care workers and institutions that conscientiously object to participating in a health care service which offends their moral or religious beliefs?

YES

NO

8. Michigan law prohibits assisted suicide. Do you **favor** strict enforcement of this law and bringing charges against individuals involved in such activity?

YES

NO

9. Right to Life of Michigan also rejects euthanasia (an action or omission which of itself or by intention results in death) as a response to mental and/or physical illnesses or disabilities. Would you **oppose** legislation which promotes euthanasia?

YES

NO

10. The powers of the governor include the right to veto legislation. As a state legislator, you could have the opportunity to help **override** the veto of RLM supported prolife legislation. If the governor **vetoed PROLIFE** legislation, would you vote to **override** that veto?

YES

NO

I UNDERSTAND THAT MY ANSWERS TO THIS CONFIDENTIAL QUESTIONNAIRE WILL BE PLACED ON FILE IN THE RIGHT TO LIFE OF MICHIGAN OFFICE.

Signature Richard Olson Date 5-18-10

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