



# 2020 Voter Guide State Legislative Races

## Harrisburg Diocese

The Pennsylvania Catholic Conference is the public affairs arm of the Catholic bishops across the state. We monitor hundreds of pieces of legislation throughout the year and determine whether or not to take a position for or against what we feel are the ones most important to our faith.

This Voter Guide includes a cross-section of seven bills spanning seven categories to show how incumbent legislators have voted. We have also invited their challengers in the general election to indicate how they would vote on these same bills. This guide is meant to be an educational piece, which we hope will provide you with information so you can make your own decisions.

A listing of the bills used for this comparison and their descriptions are below. The overall scores given to each candidate indicate the percentage of times they vote in support of PCC's position and the percentage of times they voted in opposition to the PCC's position. Please understand we continue to work with legislators from all parties on various pieces of legislation.

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### List of issues included for comparison:

#### Pro Life:

House Bill 321 was a pro-life measure which would prohibit the aborting of a fetus solely on the basis of a possible diagnosis of Down syndrome. **The PCC strongly supported** this bill and worked with pro-life lawmakers to gain its passage. The bill passed both the House and the Senate but was vetoed by Governor Wolf.

#### Criminal Justice Reform:

Senate Bill 637 is a bill that will remove procedural boundaries that have prevented many ex-offenders from getting professional licenses in a number of professions. **The PCC supported** this measure, which got bi-partisan support. It's a bill that many law enforcement professionals say will result in a reduction of crime. The bill passed both chambers and was recently signed by the Governor.

#### Disability Rights:

Senate Bill 906 was a measure that would delay the closing of two state long-term centers. The Wolf Administration had called for the closing of both facilities, but **the PCC had concerns** about what would happen to the residents. We supported the bill, which passed both the House and Senate but was vetoed by the Governor.

#### Health Care:

House Bill 427 required that health insurers stay out of decisions between doctors and patients suffering from Stage IV metastatic cancer. **The PCC supported** this measure.

#### Human Trafficking:

Senate Bill 60 increased penalties for those connected with crimes of human trafficking. **The PCC actively supported** this measure in continuing with our efforts to work against human trafficking. This bill was one such bill that was passed and signed into law by the Governor this session.

#### Poverty:

House Bill 33 was a move to eliminate public assistance due to a purported lack of accountability of recipients. Voting 'yes' on the bill would advocate the ending of that \$200 per month payment. **The PCC opposed** this bill. The bill ultimately was signed into law.

#### School Choice:

House Bill 800 was a bill that would have provided tax credits toward children who were attending a failing public school and wanted to attend another school of their choice. **The PCC supported** this measure as we do with all bills designed to further school choice. Both the House and Senate approved the measure but it was vetoed by the Governor.

Detailed voting breakdown of legislators voting with or against PCC's position:

Senate

District	Candidate	HB 321	SB 637	SB 906	HB 427	SB 60	HB 33	HB 800
13	Scott F. Martin (R)*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
13	Janet Temin (D)							
15	John M. DiSanto*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
15	George B. Scott (D)							
23	Emerson Eugene							
23	Jaclyn E. Baker (D)							
27	John R. Gordner (R)*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
27	Michelle Lynn Siegel							
31	Michael Regan (R)*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
31	Shanna Danielson							
33	Douglas Vincent							
33	Richard L. Sterner							

\*incumbent

House

District	Candidate	HB 321	SB 637	SB 906	HB 427	SB 60	HB 33	HB 800
13	John Lawrence (R)*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
13	Richard Raymond Ruggieri							
37	Melinda S. Fee (R)*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
37	John J. Padora (D)							
41	Brett R. Miller, (R)*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
43	Keith James Greiner (R)*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
47	Keith Gillespie (R)*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
78	Jesse Topper (R)*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
81	Richard S. Irvin (R)*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
81	Ian Michael Kidd (D)							
82	Johnathan D. Hershey (R)*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
84	Joseph D. Hamm (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
84	Amanda R. Waldman (D)							
85	David Rowe (R)*	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
86	Perry A. Stambaugh (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
87	William Gregory Rothman*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
87	Nicole C. Miller (D)							
88	Sheryl M. Delozier (R)*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
88	Tara Shakespeare (D)							
89	Robert W. Kauffman (R)*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
90	Paul Schemel (R)*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
91	Daniel Moul (R)*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
92	Dawn Keefer (R)*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
92	Douglas F. Ross (D)							
93	Paul Michael Jones (R)*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

94	Stanley E. Saylor (R)*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
95	Carol Hill-Evans (D)*	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
95	Kathryn Correll French (R)							
96	P. Michael Sturla (D)*	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
97	Steven Curtis Mentzer (R)*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
97	Dana Gulick (D)							
98	David S. Hickernell (R)*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
98	William Nelson Troutman (D)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
99	David H. Zimmerman (R)*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
99	Richard Michael Hodge (D)							
100	Bryan Cutler (R)*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
101	Francis X. Ryan (R)*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
101	Calvin Craig Clements (D)							
102	Russ Diamond (R)*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
102	Matthew Duvall (D)							
103	Patty H. Kim (D)*	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
104	Susan C. Helm (R)*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
104	Patricia A. Smith (D)							
105	Andrew Lewis (R)*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
105	Brittney L. Rodas (D)							
106	Thomas L. Mehaffie (R)*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
106	Lindsay Drew (D)							
107	Kurt A. Masser (R)*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
108	Lynda J. Schlegel Culver (R)*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
109	David R. Millard (R)*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
125	Joseph P Kerwin (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
128	Mark M. Gillen (R)*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
129	James A. Cox (R)*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
129	Kelly McDonough (D)							
169	Kate Anne Klunk (R)*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
171	Kerry A. Benninghoff (R)*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
171	Peter Dawson Buckland (D)							
193	Torren Ecker (R)*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
196	Seth Grove (R)*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
199	Barbara Gleim (R)*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	NA	No	Yes
199	Janelle Kayla Crossley (D)							