

FEDERAL CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE 2012

A candidate's position on life issues is important to pro-life voters. Whether sponsoring legislation, setting policy, or making public statements, the candidates we elect are crucial for promoting the sanctity of life. Please identify your positions on the following issues.

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Position and District Sought: US Congress Second DIST

Have you previously held any public office? Please specify: OHIO HOUSE 2002-2004 MIAMI TWP TRUSTEE 1989-2000

The 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decisions in *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* did more than just "legalize" abortion-on-demand; they prohibited virtually any federal, state or local laws from protecting pre-born children from death by abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy.

1. Do you support reversal of *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*?

- YES                      Comments:
- NO

2. Do you support federal and state legislation to ban abortion-on-demand from fertilization to birth?

- YES                                      Comments:
- Yes, with exceptions *(please explain)*
- NO

3. Do you support legislation that prohibits distributing tax money for any reason to organizations that promote or perform abortions domestically and in foreign countries?

- YES                      Comments:
- NO

4. Do you oppose abortion being funded, subsidized, or otherwise promoted in government programs or education?

- YES                      Comments:
- NO

5. Do you oppose any legislation that promotes or encourages healthcare rationing for the elderly and other vulnerable people?

YES

Comments:

NO

6. Do you support conscience protection legislation for healthcare workers who do not want to participate in abortions or other immoral practices?

YES

Comments:

NO

7. Do you support legislation prohibiting the killing of human embryos used for scientific research?

YES

Comments:

NO

8. Do you support legislation prohibiting all cloning of human beings?

YES

Comments:

NO

9. Do you support legislation prohibiting assisted suicide in Ohio?

YES

Comments:

NO



US Congress

10. Will you vote for leadership in the ~~Ohio House/Senate~~ who upholds pro-life principles?

- YES  
 NO

Comments:

11. List all organizations to which you have contributed time or money in the past four years.

RIGHT TO LIFE of GREATER CINCINNATI  
BROWN CO PREGNANCY CARE CENTER  
ADAMS CO PREGNANCY CARE CENTER  
CINCINNATI CITY GOSPEL MISSION  
LEUKEMIA SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN OHIO  
CATHOLIC INNER CITY SCHOOL FUND  
ST ELIZABETH SETON (Clermont Co) RESPECT LIFE  
Clermont Co RIGHT TO LIFE  
Clermont Co SENIOR CITIZENS  
Clermont Co HUMANANE SOCIETY  
Clermont Co NATL RIFLE ASSOC.



# Greater Cincinnati Right to Life

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## *Federal Candidate Questionnaire 2012*

Representative Jean Schmidt  
Second Congressional District of Ohio

### Additional explanation and answers:

1.) As the Chair of the Pro-Life Women's Caucus for the 111<sup>th</sup> and 112<sup>th</sup> Congresses, and, as a member of the Congressional Pro-Life Caucus, I have worked hard, and continue to work hard, to make sure that pro-life standards found in current law are not eroded. I also work diligently to champion pro-life provisions and riders that will advance the sanctity of life philosophy. I work with outside groups to promote the pro-life movement, and, to that end, have given numerous speeches on the House floor, at press conferences, and at community events - all to keep this very important issue from taking a back seat at the federal level. I believe that *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* are great stains upon our society, and will continue to work and pray every day to see to it that those decisions are one day reversed.

2.) During the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress, I co-sponsored H.R. 374, the *Life at Conception Act*, which would provide "...equal protection for the right to life of each born and preborn human person..." and would further enunciate that "...the Congress hereby declares that the right to life guaranteed by the Constitution is vested in each human being." This legislation also defines a human being as existing "...at all stages of life, including the moment of fertilization, cloning, or other moment at which an individual member of the human species comes into being."

3.) Early in the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress, I voted for H.R. 1, the *Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011*, which, among other items, included:

- a.) the *Pence* amendment, which prohibits federal tax dollars from going to Planned Parenthood Federation of America, or any of over 100 of its affiliates, including Planned Parenthood of Southwest Ohio;
- b.) the *Dornan* amendment, which prohibits funding, through federal or local tax dollars, of abortion within the District of Columbia;
- c.) the *Hyde* Amendment, which restricts federal funding for abortion to cases of rape, incest, and when the life of the mother is in danger;
- d.) restoration of the Mexico City Policy to prohibit USAID from providing money to foreign, non-governmental organizations that provide or promote abortion as a method of family planning, whether the US money is segregated or not; and,

- e.) the zeroing out of funding for the United Nations Population Fund, which is tied to forced abortion and forced sterilization programs, as well as being complicit in China's one child policy.

During the 1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 112th Congress, I also co-sponsored H.R. 3, the *No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act*, which I voted for and which passed the House, and H.R. 217, the *Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act*. Additionally, I co-sponsored H.R. 2059, which statutorily prohibits US funding for the UNFPA and which I voted for in the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, a committee on which I sit.

4.) In addition to the funding restrictions stated in the previous answer, I support abstinence only education and, to that end, am a co-sponsor of H.R. 2874, the *Abstinence Education Reallocation Act of 2011*, which was introduced in the 1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress. I also signed a letter earlier this year with several of my pro-life colleagues addressing the vast difference in funds appropriated for the contraceptive-based Teen Pregnancy Prevention (TPP) program versus abstinence education. In the letter, we asked the chairman of the Appropriations Committee to make an adjustment in the process to zero out funding for the TPP while shifting \$100 million to the Comprehensive Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Program and to use the remaining monies for deficit reduction.

5.) In the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress, I voted against H.R. 3590, the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act*. In the 1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress, I co-sponsored and voted for H.R. 2, *Repealing the Job-Killing Health Care Law Act*. I also co-sponsored H.R. 127, which would de-authorize appropriations of funds to carry out the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act*.

6.) Our doctors, nurses, and healthcare providers deserve the right to refuse to participate in procedures they believe are immoral. I proudly stand with those fighting for these rights and have been a vocal supporter, as well as co-sponsor, of H.R. 358, the *Protect Life Act*, which I voted for and which passed the House earlier this year. I am also a co-sponsor of H.R. 361, the *Abortion Non-Discrimination Act of 2011*, as well as H.R. 1179, the *Respect for Rights of Conscience Act of 2011*, both of which were introduced in the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress. Each of these bills would help ensure that we no longer have cases of discrimination, such as the situation in New Jersey involving nurses who were forced to choose between assisting with abortion procedures and their jobs.

7.) During the 1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress, I voted in favor of H.R. 1249, the *America Invents Act*, which codified into public law the *Weldon* provision, which prohibits the United States Patent and Trademark Office from issuing a patent on a human organism. H.R. 1249 was passed by both bodies of Congress and signed into law in September, 2011, with the *Weldon* language included. I am also a co-sponsor of H.R. 2951, the *Patients First Act of 2011*, which

encourages stem cell research with protections to ensure embryos will not be created for research purposes and that no living human embryos will be injured or destroyed.

8.) I was a cosponsor of H.R. 2564, the *Human Cloning Prohibition Act of 2007*, in the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress, and am still committed to those principles.

10.) I supported my fellow Ohioan, John Boehner, for the position of Speaker of the House, at the beginning of the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress, and our Republican leadership team has been instrumental in including pro-life riders to appropriations packages, as well as making pro-life bills a priority in the House this session.