Name Dr. Steve Pleickhardt  Office Sought HD 50 Republican nomination

Please indicate whether you would support (S), oppose (O) or be undecided (U) about legislation that would:

1. Restore the death penalty repealed this spring.
   Support
   Explanation: I am pro life for ALL life, even those who committed grievous sins like murder. They should be locked away for the rest of their life, but the death penalty is wrong.

2. Emergency rules, regulations or orders expire after 45 days unless the General Assembly takes action.
   Support
   Explanation: Endless and limitless executive orders were not what was intended under the governor’s emergency powers

3. Re-enact criminal penalties for the recreational use of marijuana.
   Undecided
   Explanation: I would need to see the specific proposal, we certainly should not be putting people in jail for drug use over violent felons, but immediate legalization is the wrong approach.

4. Prohibit Dept. Of Health from communicating with children about sexual issues without parents’ consent.
   Support
   Explanation: parents need to have these kinds of conversations

5. Prohibit State from forcing anyone to get a COVID vaccine despite sincere religious objections.
   Support
   Explanation: The State should not force ANY individual to take any medical treatment without their consent UNLESS it is a life or death situation.

6. Require employers to offer paid sick leave to employees working 20 or more hours a week.
   Oppose
   Explanation: 20 hours a week is more than rescheduable for part time employees to still manage the workload and switch days to fill the gaps when they are ill.

   Oppose
   Explanation: we should not be expanding benefits to those who are in our country illegally

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8. Require that hospitals, nursing homes, hospice and assisted living facilities allow patients to receive visits from a rabbi, priest, minister or clergyman upon request during a declared public health emergency.

Support

Explanation: many faith traditions believe in the healing power of prayer and the importance of confession, religious rites should not be interrupted by the pandemic.

9. Allow adult protective service workers to obtain protective orders for incapacitated adults subjected to an act of violence, force, threat or financial exploitation.

Support

Explanation: I would need to see the specifics of the legislation, but when someone is in an abusive situation against their will, ideally there is a next of kin who could step in, but something must be done to protect their quality of life.

10. Repeal 2020 legislation allowing coverage of abortion in health insurance plans sold on Virginia’s Obamacare exchange.

Support

Explanation: taxpayer dollars should not be subsidizing abortion in any way, shape, or form.

11. Require a school nurse in every school building.

Support

Explanation: if a child needs CPR, has an allergic reaction, or some kind of other emergency a medical professional can be critical in helping them.

12. Require every public school to give parents the option for child to attend school in-person.

Support

Explanation: remote learning has been a disaster for my family and countless other families, it’s time to get our kids back in school.

13. Offer tax credits for donations to scholarship funds to enable low-income students to pay for private school tuition or curricula for home-schooling.

Support

Explanation: kids should be able to get the best education available to them, and incentivizing folks to help should be encouraged.

14. Require family life education curriculum to include viewing a live ultrasound of an unborn baby.

Support
Explanation: Abortion is more than just another medical procedure, it needs to be fully explained to the parent what is going to happen to the baby and visualization is a part of that.

15. Require teacher and principal evaluations to include an evaluation of “cultural competency.”
   Oppose
   Explanation: Public schools need to promote “American Culture” which is the true “melting pot” of all global cultures without discrimination.

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16. Reduce the total number and type of required Standards of Learning assessments to the minimum federal requirements.
   Support
   Explanation: School curriculums tend to “teach to the SOL” rather than exposing the children to a broad range of subjects.

17. Provide State funded transportation services for students attending private and parochial schools.
   Support
   Explanation: their parents are already paying the taxes that pay for the buses

18. Expand Tuition Assistance grants to undocumented college students receiving in-state tuition rates.
   Oppose
   Explanation: we should get rid of them altogether.

19. Prohibit the carrying of firearms in public spaces.
   Oppose
   Explanation: there are no parts of this country where the constitution does not apply

20. Amend the Constitution to automatically restore the right-to-vote to felons who have served their sentences.
   Oppose
   Explanation: I would need to see the specific proposal, but for many crimes there is no way to fully pay restitution for their crimes.
21. Allow the public to obtain inactive criminal investigation files under the Freedom of Information Act.

**Support**

Explanation: Governor Northam has signed this into law.

22. Repeal laws that allow foster care/adoption agencies to place children with persons who share the same beliefs or to place children only in homes with a female and male parent (rather than same sex couples).

**Oppose**

Explanation: Where possible it is better for a child to be with a shared belief home and nuclear family configuration. However, we should not to exclude same sex parents, there are too many kids who need homes.

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23. Expand nondiscrimination laws (and lawsuits) to persons who hire part-time employees to work in the home, including babysitters.

**Oppose**

Explanation: people should be able to hire who they want-regardless of the reason-if that person is going to be having contact with their kids and be in their home, especially when they

24. Repeal the provisions of Virginia’s Constitution that define marriage as a union of a man and a woman.

**Oppose**

25. Add to the Constitution express recognition of marriage between individuals of the same sex.

**Oppose**

Explanation: I believe in the sacrament of traditional marriage

26. Prohibit the abortion of babies after 20 weeks in the womb.

**Support**

Explanation: it’s a child

27. Repeal the common-law crime of suicide.

**Oppose**

Explanation: laws are a statement of our values. If we value life we will put penalties on taking it, even ones own. However, we should allow those who try to take their own life to get treatment rather than charge them

28. Allocate Virginia’s electoral votes to the presidential candidate who wins the national popular vote, even if not the candidate Virginia voters choose.

**Oppose**
Explaination: this is not the system the framers envisioned when they wanted to balance the interests of the big and small states.

29. Forbid construction of power plants fueled by fossil fuels.
   Oppose
   Explaination: we need an all of the above energy strategy. The government single handedly determining that ne type of electric power generation should stop is no way to run a country and would cause rates to skyrocket

30. Reinstate the estate tax ("death tax").
   Oppose
   Explaination: this tax disproportionately negatively effected small farmers and rural landholders. We get taxed enough while we are alive already.

31. Increase income tax rates to fund school construction and law enforcement salaries.
   Oppose
   Explaination: government needs to live within it's means. We should be fostering growth that leads to higher tax revenues, not stifling it with higher taxes.

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33. Decriminalize assisted suicide.
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   Explaination: life is precious.

34. Require public schools to permit students to use bathrooms and locker rooms assigned to those with whose gender they identify, rather than those of their biological sex.
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