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File Abortion

As President, you will have enormous power to affect reproductive rights and health policies. The following list delineates the areas in which your power will be most influential. Please indicate whether you support or oppose the following:

I. CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO CHOOSE AN ABORTION

1. A woman's right to choose abortion as recognized in *Roe v. Wade*;
☒ Support ☐ Oppose
2. An amendment to the United States Constitution that would ban a woman's right to choose an abortion;
☐ Support ☒ Oppose
3. Nominating Supreme Court Justices and other federal court judges who believe that the Constitution protects a woman's right to choose abortion;
☒ Support ☐ Oppose

II. THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS, THE VETO POWER AND EXECUTIVE ORDERS

4. Public funding of abortion services for low-income women who depend on Medicaid for their health care;
☒ Support ☐ Oppose
5. Public funding for abortion services for women who depend on the federal government for their health care, including federal employees and their dependents, military personnel and their dependents, Peace Corps volunteers, women in federal prisons, Native American women who receive health care in Indian Health Services facilities, and women whose health care is funded by the District of Columbia;
☒ Support ☐ Oppose
6. Laws such as the "Child Custody Protection Act" that restrict a young woman's travel out of state to obtain an abortion;
☐ Support ☒ Oppose
7. Bans on abortion procedures, including a ban on "partial-birth" abortion;
☐ Support ☒ Oppose *

8. Parental consent for minors' access to contraceptives in Title X programs;
Support ☒ Oppose
9. Laws that prohibit health care professionals at Title X clinics from counseling, advising, or providing information to patients about abortion (the "gag rule");
Support ☒ Oppose
10. Laws that prohibit foreign nongovernmental organizations that receive family planning aid from using their own funds to provide any information relating to abortion services (the "Mexico City Policy");
Support ☒ Oppose
11. The "Unborn Victims of Violence Act of 1999" that attempts to recognize a fetus as a legal person;
Support ☒ Oppose
12. The Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act (FACE);
☒ Support ☐ Oppose
13. The availability of alternatives to surgical abortion, such as mifepristone (RU-486);
☒ Support ☐ Oppose
14. Federal funding for fetal tissue research;
☒ Support ☐ Oppose
15. Federal funding for human embryo research, including human stem cell research; *
☒ Support ☐ Oppose
16. The Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA);
☒ Support ☐ Oppose

III. REDUCING UNINTENDED PREGNANCY

17. Funding for Title X family planning grants;
☒ Support ☐ Oppose
18. Requiring insurance companies to provide coverage for all FDA-approved prescription contraceptive drugs, devices, and services if they cover other prescription drugs, devices, and services;
☒ Support ☐ Oppose

19. Requiring Federal Employee Health Benefit Plans to cover prescription contraceptive drugs, devices, and services;
☒ Support ☐ Oppose
20. Federal funding for contraceptive research and development;
☒ Support ☐ Oppose
21. Comprehensive, age-appropriate sexuality education that includes information regarding contraception, abstinence, and STD/HIV prevention in public schools;
☒ Support ☐ Oppose
22. Amending the federal abstinence-only block grant program that currently allocates federal funds to programs that have abstinence education as their exclusive purpose to include programs that provide information concerning contraception and STD/HIV prevention.
☐ Support ☒ Oppose

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Vice President Al Gore
Supplemental Responses to the National Abortion Rights Action League
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I am committed to this simple principle: a woman should have the right to choose in this country. We must make sure that this right is never weakened, never threatened, and never taken away.

3. While I'm not comfortable with litmus tests for a Supreme Court nomination, I believe that the Constitution contains a right to privacy. You can rest assured that a Supreme Court majority appointed in a Gore Administration would support a woman's right to choose.
7. I strongly support a woman's right to choose, and the Supreme Court's decision in *Roe v. Wade* that declared that right. Consistent with that decision, however, I have long opposed late-term abortions except where necessary to protect the life or health of the mother. There are rare and tragic situations that can occur in a woman's pregnancy in which, in a doctor's medical judgment, the use of late term abortion may be necessary to save a woman's life or to protect her against serious injury to her health. In these situations, in which a woman and her family must make an awful choice, I believe that the Constitution requires the protection of the mother's life and health.