



May 12, 2009

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I fully support the Knights of Columbus, their families and friends, in this endeavor and, as a voter and taxpayer in your district I ask that you consider my position on the following issues.

- **Support Religious Freedom as provided in the Constitution**

Please see that the *Reproductive Health and Privacy Protection Act*, and any other such legislation (like the *Freedom of Choice Act* in Congress), does not get passed in New York. Support amendments in law, regulation and administrative practice, to ensure the continued right of health care and human service providers, plans and employers to provide services in accord with their religious institutional conscience.

- **Oppose legalizing Same-Sex Unions**

Support amendments maintaining marriage as a union between a man and a woman, thereby promoting a true “family lifestyle” for the stable rearing of children.

- **Tuition Tax Credits**

Enact tuition tax credits to help ease the burden faced by families who pay tuition in addition to school taxes and to help enable families to choose the best schools for their children.

- **Oppose taxpayer funding for human cloning and embryo research**

Embryonic stem cell research depends on human cloning, destroys human embryos, and has never been (and may never be) successful in treating human suffering and disease. I urge you to focus state support on adult stem cell and umbilical cord blood research because it is successful and ethical.

Thank you for your attention to these important concerns.

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