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2014 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE ON REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS U.S. SENATE

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As a senator, you will have enormous power to affect reproductive rights and health policies. Please indicate whether you support or oppose the following:

I. LEGALITY OF ABORTION

1. Do you support or oppose a woman's right to choose abortion as recognized in *Roe v. Wade*?

Support Oppose

2. Do you support or oppose proposals that would outlaw a woman's right to choose abortion (including but not limited to human life amendments, human life statutes, and so-called "personhood" proposals)?

Support Oppose

3. Do you agree or disagree that senators have a responsibility to examine whether a nominee to the Supreme Court or other federal court believes that the Constitution protects a woman's right to choose?

Agree Disagree

4. Do you support or oppose codifying *Roe v. Wade* into federal law, thereby restoring the rights expressed in *Roe* before legislatures and the courts eroded them?

Support Oppose

II. POLICIES THAT AFFECT A WOMAN'S RIGHT TO CHOOSE

5. Do you support or oppose public funding of abortion services for women who depend on the federal government for their health care – including Medicaid and Medicare clients, U.S. servicewomen, federal employees, and poor residents of the District of Columbia?

Support Oppose

6. Do you support or oppose proposals such as the "Child Custody Protection Act" or "Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act" that restrict or unduly burden young women's access to abortion services and endanger their health and safety?

Support Oppose

7. Do you support or oppose abortion bans that violate the standards of *Roe v. Wade* – specifically, those that apply before viability and/or have no health exceptions?

Support Oppose



8.	Do you support or oppose bans on (or making it difficult for insurance plans to offer) abortion coverage in benefits packages? Support Oppose					
9	Do you support or oppose proposals that would mandate a woman seeking an abortion to undergo a medically unnecessary ultrasound, require her to view it, and/or to hear an oral description of the pregnancy?					
	Support Oppose					
10.	Do you support or oppose policies that prohibit health- care professionals from counseling, referring, or providing information to patients about abortion (gag rules)? Support Oppose					
11.	Do you support or oppose the policy prohibiting overseas organizations that receive family-planning aid from using their own funds to provide information relating to abortion services (the global gag rule)? Support Oppose					
12,	Do you support or oppose measures that grant new legal rights to an embryo or fetus – thereby undermining the legal foundations of a woman's right to choose? Support Oppose					
13.	Do you support or oppose proposals that protect women, doctors, and other health-care professionals at reproductive-health clinics from violence, harassment, threats, and intimidation?					
	Support Oppose					
14.	Do you support or oppose anti-choice proposals that hinder or block biomedical research (including fetal-tissue research, human-embryo research, and stem-cell research)?					
	Support Oppose					
	Do you support or oppose requiring crisis pregnancy centers (anti-choice fake "clinics")					
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15. Do you support or oppose requiring crisis pregnancy centers (anti-choice fake "clinics") to meet standards of care for pregnancy counseling, ensuring they do not mislead or intimidate women, and/or ensuring they do not misrepresent themselves as sources of unbiased health information?

Support Oppose

III. POLICIES THAT REDUCE THE NEED FOR ABORTION AND SUPPORT HEALTHY CHILDBEARING

16. Do you support or oppose proposals that support a woman's choice to bear and raise children, such as universal access to prenatal-care services [through the Affordable Care Act and other programs]?

Support

Oppose

17. Do you support or oppose federal support for family-planning services through Medicaid and the Title X program? (Title X, or "ten," is the nation's only program dedicated to providing contraception and other family-planning services – NOT including abortion – to low-income women and men. Its services help reduce unintended pregnancy and the need for abortion.)

Support

Oppose

18. Do you support or oppose proposals that would disqualify abortion providers (such as, but not only, Planned Parenthood health centers) from participating in federal programs or receiving federal funds for women's health services?

Support

Oppose

- 19. Do you support or oppose the Affordable Care Act's no-cost birth-control policy including the assurance that except in very narrow circumstances, employers cannot block the benefit from their employees because of their own objections to contraception? Support Oppose
- 20. Do you support or oppose parental-involvement mandates on minors' access to contraception that violate the confidentiality of the doctor-patient relationship?

 Support Oppose
- 21. Do you support or oppose proposals that ensure women are able to get their birth-control prescriptions filled in pharmacies even if individual pharmacists refuse to provide the service?

Support Oppose

22. Do you support or oppose amending the federal abstinence-only programs (which currently censor information on contraception's benefits) so that young people can learn age-appropriate information about both abstinence <u>and</u> contraception?

Support

Oppose

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23. Do you support or oppose protecting and improving women's access to emergency contraception? (EC is an FDA-approved contraceptive, taken after sex that greatly reduces the likelihood of pregnancy. EC is <u>not</u> abortion and cannot harm a pregnancy if one is already established.)

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Oppose

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To: NARAL Pro-Choice America From: Booker for Senate Campaign

Re: NARAL 2013 Questionnaire Responses

Date: September 15, 2013

Dear NARAL Members,

Thank you for the chance to engage your organization on these thoughtful questions as I seek your support to be the next United States Senator from New Jersey. Please find attached, my responses to be shared with your members. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact my Policy Director, Matt Klapper at 973-623-0692 or at mklapper@corybooker.com.

Sincerely, Cory Booker As a senator, you will have enormous power to affect reproductive rights and health policies. Please indicate whether you support or oppose the following:

I. LEGALITY OF ABORTION

1. Do you support or oppose a woman's right to choose abortion as recognized in Roe v. Wade?

Yes, I support a woman's right to make her own healthcare decisions as recognized in *Roe v. Wade.*

2. Do you support or oppose proposals that would outlaw a woman's right to choose abortion (including but not limited to human life amendments, human life statutes, and so-called "personhood" proposals)?

I oppose proposals such as human life amendments, human life statutes, and personhood proposals that would outlaw a woman's right to make choose.

3. Do you agree or disagree that senators have a responsibility to examine whether a nominee to the Supreme Court or other federal court believes that the Constitution protects a woman's right to choose?

I agree that senators have a responsibility to examine whether a nominee to the Supreme Court or other federal courts believes that the Constitution protects a woman's right to choose, but I will not commit to any litmus test regarding any judicial or executive nominations.

4. Do you support or oppose codifying *Roe v. Wade* into federal law, thereby restoring the rights expressed in *Roe* before legislatures and the courts eroded them?

I would support codifying the Roe v. Wade decision as outlined by the Supreme Court into federal law.

II. POLICIES THAT AFFECT A WOMAN'S RIGHT TO CHOOSE

5. Do you support or oppose public funding of abortion services for women who depend on the federal government for their health care — including Medicaid and Medicare clients, U.S. servicewomen, federal employees, and poor residents of the District of Columbia?

Politicians have no place involving themselves in private health care decisions that should be made between a woman and her doctor – and those decisions also must not be determined by a woman's income level, where she lives, or if she receives assistance. This means providing a full range of healthcare services to poor residents of the District

of Columbia; through Medicaid, Medicare, and Indian Health Services; and for federal civilian employees and members of our Armed Services.

6. Do you support or oppose proposals such as the "Child Custody Protection Act" or "Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act" that restrict or unduly burden young women's access to abortion services and endanger their health and safety?

I oppose these two bills.

7. Do you support or oppose abortion bans that violate the standards of *Roe v. Wade* – specifically, those that apply before viability and/or have no health exceptions?

I oppose abortion bans that violate the standards of Roe v. Wade –specifically, those that apply before viability and/or have no exceptions for rape, incest or the health or life of the mother.

8. Do you support or oppose bans on (or making it difficult for insurance plans to offer) abortion coverage in benefits packages?

I oppose bans and policies that make it difficult for insurance companies to offer abortion coverage in benefits packages.

9. Do you support or oppose proposals that would mandate a woman seeking an abortion to undergo a medically unnecessary ultrasound, require her to view it, and/or to hear an oral description of the pregnancy?

I oppose proposals that would mandate a woman seeking an abortion to undergo a medically unnecessary ultrasound, require her to view it, and/or hear an oral description of the pregnancy.

10. Do you support or oppose policies that prohibit healthcare professionals from counseling, referring, or providing information to patients about abortion (gag rules)?

I oppose policies that prohibit healthcare professionals from counseling, referring, or providing information to patients about abortion.

11. Do you support or oppose the policy prohibiting overseas organizations that receive family-planning aid from using their own funds to provide information relating to abortion services (the global gag rule)?

I oppose policies prohibiting overseas organizations that receive family-planning aid from using their own funds to provide information relating to abortion services.

12. Do you support or oppose measures that grant new legal rights to an embryo or fetus – thereby undermining the legal foundations of a woman's right to choose?

I oppose efforts that undermine a woman's right to choose by granting new legal rights to an embryo or fetus.

13. Do you support or oppose proposals that protect women, doctors, and other health-care professionals at reproductive-health clinics from violence, harassment, threats, and intimidation?

I support proposals that protect women, doctors, and other healthcare professionals at reproductive-health clinics from violence, harassment, threats, and intimidation.

14. Do you support or oppose anti-choice proposals that hinder or block biomedical research (including fetal-tissue research, human-embryo research, and stem-cell research)?

I oppose proposals that hinder or block biomedical research, including fetal-tissue, human-embryo, and stem-cell research.

15. Do you support or oppose requiring crisis pregnancy centers (anti-choice fake "clinics") to meet standards of care for pregnancy counseling, ensuring they do not mislead or intimidate women, and/or ensuring they do not misrepresent themselves as sources of unbiased health information?

Women must be provided with medically and factually accurate information, no matter where they seek treatment. Therefore, I would support measures that ensure that those who represent themselves as sources of unbiased health information be held responsible for providing misleading or deceptive information.

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16. Do you support or oppose proposals that support a woman's choice to bear and raise children, such as universal access to prenatal-care services [through the Affordable Care Act and other programs]?

I support proposals, such as universal access to prenatal-care services, that aid a woman's choice to bear and raise children.

17. Do you support or oppose federal support for family-planning services through Medicaid and the Title X program? (Title X, or "ten," is the nation's only program dedicated to providing contraception and other family-planning services – NOT including abortion – to low-income women and men. Its services help reduce unintended pregnancy and the need for abortion.)

I support federal assistance for family-planning services through Medicaid and the Title X program.

18. Do you support or oppose proposals that would disqualify abortion providers (such as, but not only, Planned Parenthood health centers) from participating in federal programs or receiving federal funds for women's health services?

I oppose proposals that would disqualify abortion providers such as Planned Parenthood from participation in federal programs or receiving federal funds for women's health services.

19. Do you support or oppose the Affordable Care Act's no-cost birth-control policy – including the assurance that except in very narrow circumstances, employers cannot block the benefit from their employees because of their own objections to contraception?

I support the Affordable Care Act's no-cost birth-control policy, including the assurance that except in very narrow circumstances, employers cannot block the benefit from their employees because of their own objections to contraception.

20. Do you support or oppose parental-involvement mandates on minors' access to contraception that violate the confidentiality of the doctor-patient relationship?

I oppose parental-involvement mandates on minors' access to contraception that violate the confidentiality of the doctor-patient relationship.

21. Do you support or oppose proposals that ensure women are able to get their birth-control prescriptions filled in pharmacies – even if individual pharmacists refuse to provide the service?

I support proposals that ensure women are able to get their birth-control prescriptions filled in pharmacies – even if individual pharmacists refuse to provide the service.

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I support amending federal abstinence-only programs, so that young people can learn age-appropriate information about both abstinence and contraception.

23. Do you support or oppose protecting and improving women's access to emergency contraception? (EC is an FDA-approved contraceptive, taken after sex that greatly reduces the likelihood of pregnancy. EC is not abortion and cannot harm a pregnancy if one is already established.)

I support protecting and improving women's access to emergency contraception.