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Dear .

The Connecticut Catholic Public Affairs Conference, representing the Catholic Bishops of Connecticut and the 1.34 million Catholics in our state, is conducting a survey of all candidates running for federal office in Connecticut in the Primary Election on August 10, 2010. I am enclosing a *2010 Federal Primary Candidate Survey* for your review and completion.

As you can see, our questionnaire covers a wide range of issues. We will be posting your responses to this questionnaire via a chart on our website, and Connecticut's 378 Catholic parishes will be encouraged to distribute copies to their parishioners. To enable us to collect this information in a timely manner, and to ensure proper distribution, we ask that you complete and return your questionnaire by fax or email no later than Friday, July 23, 2010. Please note that the chart will only display "yes" or "no" responses (qualifying explanations will not be displayed or printed). However, in case of uncertainty regarding any given question, that question may be left blank.

The Connecticut Catholic Public Affairs Conference views this survey as an educational and instructional effort to inform the members of our parishes as to the positions taken by the respective U.S. Congressional candidates on the important issues facing our country. I hope that you will return this survey promptly so that we do not have to indicate a "non-response" when the results are published.

Your responses to this survey are greatly appreciated and can be faxed to 860-525-0750, or emailed to ccc@ctcatholic.org.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 860-524-7882. Again, thank you for your cooperation regarding this effort.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael C. Culhane". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

Michael C. Culhane
Executive Director

Enclosure

Connecticut Catholic Public Affairs Conference

*Representing the Archdiocese of Hartford, Diocese of Bridgeport,
Diocese of Norwich and the Ukrainian Catholic Diocese of Stamford*

2010 Federal Primary Election Survey United States Senate

1. In March, Congress passed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). Parts of this bill – designed to reform the nation’s healthcare system – did not include longstanding policies limited the use of taxpayer funds for abortion and longstanding policies protecting the conscience rights of health care providers who decline involvement in abortion. To incorporate these policies into the PPCA, members of the U.S. House of Representatives have recently introduced the Protect Life Act (H.R. 5111). Do you support H.R. 5111? Yes _____ No _____
2. Over the past decade, Congress has debated, on several occasions, whether to restrict or expand (e.g., H.R. 4808) federal funding of research that depends on the destruction of human embryos. Do you support *banning* federal funding of *embryonic* stem cell research? Yes _____ No _____
3. In 1996, the 104th Congress passed H.R. 3396 (The Defense of Marriage Act, or DOMA), which states, in part, that “No State... shall be required to give effect to any public act, record or judicial proceeding of any other State... respecting a relationship between persons of the same sex that is treated as a marriage under the laws of such another State... or a right or claim arising from such relationship.” Do you support DOMA? Yes _____ No _____
4. Over the past several years, Congress has considered many measures intended to reform our nation’s immigration system. Do you support legislation that would provide (a) a new worker visa program that protects labor rights and creates avenues for migrant workers to fill positions in the U.S. workforce; (b) a program that gives undocumented workers already in the U.S. an opportunity to earn legal residency and eventual citizenship; and (c) restoration of due process protections for immigrants, including asylum-seekers. Yes _____ No _____
5. In March, the U.S. Department of Education released its proposal for the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). Since 1965; ESEA has sought to provide certain educational benefits (e.g., Title I, Parts A, B, and C; and Title II; Parts A, B, and D) to students and teachers in nonpublic schools on a basis equitable to that of public school students and teachers. Should this polity of equitable participation be part of ESEA when it is reauthorized? Yes _____ No _____

Candidate’s Name _____
(Please Print)

Candidate’s Signature _____

Date _____