



ADVANCING FAITH, FAMILY AND FREEDOM

10 THINGS TO ASK YOUR MEMBER OF CONGRESS DURING THE AUGUST CONGRESSIONAL RECESS

Congress has adjourned for a five week recess, and Members and Senators will be traveling throughout their Districts hosting town halls and public forums. Asking questions at these events is a great way for you to help your elected representatives understand issues of concern to you and your family. Visit www.house.gov or www.senate.gov to identify your Members of Congress and to visit their websites for town hall schedules. Use this issue guide to raise topics related to life, marriage, and the family.

1. Despite promises that health care plans under Obamacare would have a clear listing of services included, very few plans identify whether or not they include elective abortion coverage. This concerns me as an American who has moral objections to paying for abortion. Do you support requiring health care plans under Obamacare to disclose whether or not they include abortion coverage?
2. The Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) would create new economic and litigation burdens for employers at the same time it would severely curtail the religious freedom of family business owners and religious institutions. Please oppose ENDA when Congress reconvenes and in the Lamé Duck.
3. Do you support the ability of citizens to enact state marriage laws defining marriage between one man and one woman? Support the State Marriage Defense Act (H.R. 3829/S.2024) to make sure the federal government respects our state laws on marriage.
4. I support all that faith-based adoption and foster care agencies do in my state to help children find homes, yet in recent years, some states have moved to squeeze out such providers. Do you support the Child Welfare Provider Inclusion Act (H.R. 5285/S. 2706) which would ensure that these important agencies can continue their vital work?
5. The Supreme Court just upheld religious freedom claims for family-run businesses like Hobby Lobby challenging the coercive HHS mandate under Obamacare. Will you also speak out for the religious freedom rights of faith-based charities and universities by supporting the Health Care Conscience Rights Act (H.R. 940)?
6. I, along with a majority of Americans, support proposals that would prohibit late abortions after 20 weeks, the point at which an unborn child can clearly experience pain. Do you support the common-sense Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act (H.R. 1797/S.1670)?
7. In recent years, we have seen the military restrict the religious expression of service members in ways that threaten the ability of our troops to talk about and practice their faith publically. What steps will you take to ensure that our troops can enjoy the same First Amendment liberties they are fighting to protect?
8. Recent studies have shown the detrimental impact marijuana use has on developing brains. Do you agree that the federal government should be relaxing marijuana laws, even in states that have legalized its use?
9. In 2011, the Department of Justice unilaterally decided to allow states to legalize online gambling with no input from Congress. Since then, New Jersey, Nevada and Delaware have begun experimenting with turning every smart phone into a 24-7 casino with advertisers and colorful games targeting young users. Do you support legislation restoring the national ban on internet gambling?
10. Despite the overwhelming evidence that scientific advances continue to come through the ethical use of adult stem cells, some scientists persist in fanciful research efforts using morally objectionable techniques such as human cloning. I believe in the human dignity of every person and believe no human cloning should be tolerated in a civilized society. Do you agree and do you support the Human Cloning Prohibition Act (H.R. 2164)?