

**ACLU OF RHODE ISLAND CANDIDATE SURVEY 2022**

**CONGRESSIONAL SEAT**

*Thank you in advance for participating in our candidate survey. Please respond to the 11 questions below. If you wish to offer explanatory comments to any of the questions, space is available at the end of this questionnaire. If you would like clarification about the ACLU's position on any of these issues, we encourage you to contact our office or visit our web site at [www.riaclu.org](http://www.riaclu.org) for more information.*

*You can return the survey by email to [riaclu@riaclu.org](mailto:riaclu@riaclu.org), by fax to (401) 831-7175, or by mail to ACLU of RI – 128 Dorrance St., Suite 400 – Providence, RI 02903. **Please return by Monday, August 15, 2022.***

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1. Do you support passage of a federal law to guarantee nationwide access to safe and legal abortion care?

YES

2. Do you support passage of the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act?

YES

3. Do you support the passage of federal legislation that would provide a private cause of action for individuals whose constitutional rights are violated by federal law enforcement officials?

YES

4. Do you support the passage of legislation to provide LGBTQ+ people with explicit protection against discrimination under federal civil rights laws?

YES

5. Do you support the passage of legislation to create a pathway to citizenship and legal residency for some undocumented immigrants?

YES

6. Do you support granting statehood to Washington D.C.?

YES

7. Do you support legislation that would end the long-standing criminal sentencing disparity between crack and powder cocaine?

YES

8. Do you support efforts to reinstate Title 42, the policy that authorizes the expulsion of people seeking asylum at the border without an opportunity for them to first seek protection under U.S. laws?

NO — I support the repeal of Title 42

9. Do you support the passage of the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act, which would require employers to make reasonable accommodations for qualified employees affected by pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions?

YES

10. Do you support legislation which would abolish the federal death penalty?

YES

11. Do you support legislation to decriminalize marijuana on the federal level?

YES

## **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

I've worked to protect civil liberties and civil rights at the local, state and federal levels for 20 years — ranging from pushing for policing reforms while a member of the City Council in Providence; to working to protect immigrants, reform criminal justice, push for protection of abortion rights, and enshrine rights for the LGBTQ community while serving in the State House; to opposing mass surveillance and censorship as a federal advocate. To take just one recent example, my work was dispositive of the sunset of key provisions of the Patriot Act in 2020 (such as Section 215, under which most Americans' telephone metadata was once collected).

I'll continue to prioritize the protection of civil liberties and civil rights should I be elected to Congress. As a longstanding community and political organizer, I particularly cherish these rights and understand the constant work that is necessary to safeguard them.