

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 for more information.

*You can return the survey by email to 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.***

Name: **Sarah Morgenthau**

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.

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 served as a Regional Board Member at the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) between 2018 and 2021. ADL is a Member of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights (LCCHR), and fights to ensure access to voting, counters discrimination and hate crimes, and advance racial justice. I also served at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) during a critical time for oversight of DHS's work, particularly in regards to the Muslim Community. As the lead for partnerships, I helped bridge divides between the civil rights community, communities of color, and law enforcement.

I also feel a deep personal connection to the ACLU due to my family's history of public service. My Great Grandfather, Henry Morgenthau Sr., served as Ambassador to the Ottoman Empire and during his service called international attention to the Armenian genocide. My Grandfather Henry Morgenthau Jr. served as Treasury Secretary for FDR, and fought against an openly antisemitic State Department.

In Congress, I wish to continue that legacy. I recently spoke out against an incident of antisemitism in Rhode Island in an Op-Ed I penned for The Forward, which you can find at: forward.com/opinion/512019.

I am grateful for the ACLU of Rhode Island's consideration, and hope to work together to protect and advance Rhode Islanders' civil liberties.