

# DELAWARE HOUSE

DISTRICT 16

## POLICY INITIATIVES



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### SUPPORTS FREE ENTERPRISE

Free enterprise and the right to private property are essential elements of a productive and strong economic system.

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### OPPOSES ARBITRARY STATE OF EMERGENCY POWERS

A State of Emergency declaration extended beyond 30 days should depend on the consent of the people of Delaware through the General Assembly.



### SUPPORTS SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS

Better enforcement of current laws to prevent crime versus more restrictive gun control is needed to protect public safety.

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### SUPPORTS FREE EXERCISE OF RELIGION

Delaware laws and statutes should not threaten religious freedom, or the right of individuals, organizations, and businesses to exercise religious conviction and conscience. Lawmakers should oppose all attempts to compel people to compromise their beliefs or retreat from civil and political life as the price of following their faith.

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### SUPPORTS BETTER DEFINITION OF VIABILITY

Delaware law should better define the point of viability of an unborn baby versus allowing the abortion doctor to define it, which is vague and arbitrary.  
SS1 for SB 5, House roll call (2017)

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### SUPPORTS PROTECTION FOR LIFE AT EVERY STAGE

Human life begins at conception and deserves legal protection at every stage until natural death.

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### OPPOSES ASSISTED SUICIDE

Assisted Suicide, the act of deliberately assisting or cooperating in helping someone terminate his or her life, should not be legalized in Delaware as an end of life option.  
HB 140 (2019)

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### OPPOSES COMPREHENSIVE SEX EDUCATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Public schools should not implement expansive and comprehensive sex education curriculum that includes LGBTQ+ sexual experiences, practices, and identities.

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### SUPPORTS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT FOR PARENTAL RIGHTS

The Delaware Constitution should be amended to protect the right of parents to the control, custody, and care of their children from government interference, which requires the government to prove that it has a strong, compelling reason to restrict that right, such as in cases of abuse and neglect.  
HB 145 (2019)

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#### KEY TO ANSWERS

✓ Yes, Agrees    ✗ No, Disagrees

\* Comment    † Reference    U Undecided    – Declined to Respond

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