

## 2024 State Assembly and Senate Candidate Questionnaire

The ACLU of Wisconsin respectfully requests responses to the questions below regarding your positions on civil rights and liberties issues impacting Wisconsinites.

The questions and answers, if received in time, will be published on the ACLU of Wisconsin website and potentially used in other formats. If you do not respond, the publication will state "Refused to Respond."

Please send responses in this fillable PDF via email to Amanda Merkwae at [amerkwae@aclu-wi.org](mailto:amerkwae@aclu-wi.org) or by mail to 207 E. Buffalo St., Suite 325, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202 by **Tuesday, August 6, 2024.**

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Party Affiliation(s)

**Question 1:** If elected, would you vote against an abortion ban?

Yes  No

Please write any comments you might have in the box provided below.

I strongly support abortion rights. This session I was proud to work with my Assembly Democratic colleagues to continue our efforts to repeal Wisconsin 's 1849 law and additional statutes restricting abortion in Wisconsin. We must enshrine our rights in state law to provide greater protection to Wisconsinites in the future.

**Question 2:** If elected, would you vote against restrictions on contraception and in vitro fertilization (IVF)?

Yes       No

Please write any comments you might have in the box provided below.

This session, our caucus championed a bill to enshrine a right to contraception, as well as legislation to require health insurance to cover IVF procedures. Contraception is essential for individuals and families to make their own decisions about whether and when to have a child. Someone very close to me used IVF in order to start a family, and I strongly support its availability for those who need it.

**Question 3:** Do you pledge to accept the results of the election, no matter who wins?

Yes       No

Please write any comments you might have in the box provided below.

Yes, accepting the results of our elections is a core tenant of our democracy. I will always advocate for and support free and fair elections, which includes respecting the outcomes.

**Question 4:** Do you support the legalization, regulation, and taxation of marijuana for recreational use by adults 21 and over in Wisconsin?

Yes       No

Please write any comments you might have in the box provided below.

I was proud to join our caucus in supporting legislation to permit medical and recreational use of marijuana in Wisconsin. This is an economic, civil rights, and fairness issue. By legalizing marijuana the state could bring in new tax revenue, stop unnecessarily incarcerating our citizens, and begin to right the wrongs of the failed war on drugs.

**Question 5:** Do you oppose government entities banning books from local libraries and schools due to content, ideas, or viewpoints expressed in the books?

Yes       No

Please write any comments you might have in the box provided below.

School districts and politicians' efforts to ban or restrict access to books is deeply concerning. Many of the books that have been challenged or removed introduce readers to topics of gender, race, and other types of diversity. These efforts to reduce access to information must be stopped.

**Question 6:** Would you vote to protect same-sex marriage in Wisconsin, no matter what is decided at the federal level?

Yes       No

Please write any comments you might have in the box provided below.

I serve as a member of the Legislative LGBTQ+ Caucus. This session our caucus was proud to introduce a constitutional amendment to protect same sex marriage and updated gender language in our statutes regarding marriage. Everyone should be able to love who they love and have this right recognized by our legal system.