

## 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.**

Name

Email  Website

Office Sought:  Assembly  Senate District Number

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.

Access to abortion, contraception, and infertility services get my full and unconditional support.

**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.

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

Yes       No

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Donald Trump and his Republican allies have been incredibly successful at eroding peoples ' confidence in our democracy and our elections. The idea of a President with immunity is demonstrably contrary to what the Founders intended. So is the idea that votes wouldn ' t get counted, or the people counting them should fear for their lives. We should build up our democracy, not tear it down. The best thing we can do is vote out the election deniers and those who perpetuated the big lie. Vote out those like Robin Vos who paid Mike Gableman our tax dollars to attack our democracy with unfounded conspiratorial nonsense.

**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.

Marijuana should be legal for medical and recreational use. Prohibition is not prevention. It didn ' t work for alcohol and it hasn ' t worked for marijuana. Marijuana prohibition has led to vast justice disparities, and we ' re missing out on a piece of our economy, and pushing that economy into an unregulated and dangerous place. Not having medical marijuana is barbaric and dangerous for patients. When Wisconsinites travel to Michigan, Minnesota and Illinois to purchase marijuana, we ' re losing all that potential tax revenue. Our money is building schools in Detroit and Chicago and Minneapolis instead of right here. That ' s just plain dumb policymaking.

**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.

I have cosponsored bills to prevent book banning and book removal from libraries and schools.

**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.

We should repeal the homophobic definition from the State Constitution, and replace it with a right to privacy that protects access to abortion, contraception, and marriage.