Bulletin or pulpit announcement

On Tuesday, November 7, Virginians will elect their governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general. To help voters prepare for these elections the Virginia Catholic Conference has released its 2017 voter education materials. The Conference has compiled three separate side-by-side comparisons of the positions of candidates for state offices. Conference staff compiled Know the Positions of the Candidates for Governor, Know the Positions of the Candidates for Lieutenant Governor, and Know the Positions of the Candidates for Attorney General from policies, public statements, official campaign websites, party platforms and other sources. The Conference, which represents Virginia’s bishops on public policy matters, neither supports nor opposes candidates for public office. As they consider these races and also local House of Delegates races, voters are encouraged to turn to the wisdom of the Catholic Church as they form their consciences by consulting the Four Principles of Catholic Social Teaching. These materials can be found at www.vacatholic.org. Spanish translations are available.
Four Principles of Catholic Social Teaching*

The central and enduring themes of Catholic social teaching are organized under four principles that provide a moral framework for decisions in public life.

**The Dignity of the Human Person**

Human life is sacred. The dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. Direct attacks on innocent persons are never morally acceptable. In our society, the gravest example is abortion. Euthanasia, assisted suicide, human cloning, and the destruction of embryos for research are others. Protecting the dignity of life also includes overcoming poverty, ending use of the death penalty, and opposing racism, torture, unjust war, human trafficking and all activities that contribute to the “throwaway culture” identified by Pope Francis.

**Subsidiarity**

The human person is social. The family is the fundamental building block of society, based on marriage between a man and a woman, a sanctuary for creation and nurturing of children. Policies and programs should defend, strengthen and respect this foundational unit and uphold parents’ rights and responsibilities to care for and educate their children. Further, every person and association has a right and duty to actively shape society and promote the well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable. Subsidiarity means that society’s larger institutions should not overwhelm or interfere with smaller or local ones. These larger institutions are obliged, however, to protect human dignity and meet human needs when smaller institutions cannot adequately do so.

**The Common Good**

The common good is achieved when social conditions allow people to reach their fulfillment more fully and easily. It upholds the fundamental right to life, which makes all other rights possible. It asserts the right to food, shelter, education, employment, health care, housing, freedom of religion and conscience, and family life. It requires an economy that serves people, not the other way around. It calls on employers to uphold the dignity and rights of workers by offering productive work, decent and just wages, adequate security in their old age, the choice of whether to organize and join unions and the opportunity for legal status for immigrant workers. Workers should contribute a fair day’s work for a fair day’s pay, treat employers and co-workers with respect and contribute to the common good. This principle requires we protect and care for all of God’s creation, especially the most vulnerable among us, and the earth, our common home.

**Solidarity**

We are one human family, despite our national, racial, ethnic, economic and ideological differences, called to love our neighbor as ourselves. We must work to eradicate poverty, disease and racism; and welcome immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers who are seeking employment, safety, education and a better life for their families. Solidarity requires preferential concern for the poor. A basic moral test of any society is how it treats those who are most vulnerable. This preferential option for the poor and vulnerable includes all who are marginalized – unborn children, persons with disabilities, the elderly and terminally ill, victims of injustice and oppression and immigrants.

*Adapted from Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, Nos. 44-56, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2015.*
La dignidad de la persona

La vida de una persona es sagrada. La dignidad de la persona es lo fundamental para haber una visión moral para la sociedad. Los ataques directos hacia personas que son inocentes nunca son moralmente aceptables. En nuestra sociedad, el ejemplo más grave es el aborto. Eutanasia, suicidio asistido, clonación, fertilización in vitro y la destrucción de embriones para la investigación son otros. Protección de la dignidad de la vida también incluye superar la pobreza, acabar con el uso de la pena de muerte y oponerse al racismo, la tortura, la guerra injusta, el tráfico de seres humanos y todas las actividades que contribuyen a la “cultura desechable” identificada por el Papa Francisco.

El bien común

El bien común se alcanza cuando las condiciones sociales permiten que las personas logren su realización personal plenamente y fácilmente. El bien común defiende el derecho fundamental a la vida, que hace posible todos los otros derechos. Este afirma el derecho a alimentos, vivienda, educación, empleo, salud, libertad de religión y conciencia, y vida familiar. Este requiere una economía que atienda a personas, no al revés. Pide a los empleadores a respetar la dignidad y los derechos de los trabajadores ofreciendo trabajo productivo, salarios justos, seguridad adecuada en la edad avanzada, la opción de poder organizar y unirse a los sindicatos y la oportunidad para obtener el estatus legal para los trabajadores inmigrantes. Los trabajadores deben contribuir con un día de trabajo para la paga de un día justo, tratando a los empleadores y compañeros de trabajo con respeto y contribuir al bien común. Este principio requiere de proteger y cuidar toda la creación de Dios, especialmente a los más vulnerables entre nosotros y la tierra cual es nuestra casa que compartimos.

Subsidiariedad

La persona humana es sociable. La familia es el pilar fundamental de la sociedad, basada en el matrimonio entre un hombre y una mujer, es un santuario para la creación y la crianza de los niños. Las políticas y los programas deben defender, fortalecer y respetar esta unidad fundamental y defender los derechos y responsabilidades de los padres de cuidar y educar a sus hijos. Además, cada persona y asociación, en forma activa, tiene un derecho y un deber de formar la sociedad y promover el bienestar de todos, especialmente a los pobres y vulnerables. Subsidiariedad significa que grandes instituciones de la sociedad no deben abrumar o interferir con las instituciones más pequeñas o locales. Estas grandes instituciones están obligadas, sin embargo, a proteger la dignidad humana y satisfacer las necesidades humanas, cuando las instituciones más pequeñas no pueden hacerlo adecuadamente.

Solidaridad

Somos una familia humana, a pesar de nuestras diferencias nacionales, raciales, étnicas, económicas e ideológicas, llamados a amar a nuestro prójimo como a nosotros mismos. Debemos trabajar para erradicar la pobreza, el racismo; y dar la bienvenida a los inmigrantes, refugiados y solicitantes de asilo que están buscando empleo, seguridad, educación y una vida mejor para sus familias. Solidaridad requiere preocupación preferencial a los pobres. Una prueba moral básica de cualquier sociedad es de cómo se trata a aquellos que son más vulnerables. Esta opción preferencial a los pobres y vulnerables incluye todos los que están marginados, niños no nacidos, personas con discapacidad, ancianas, desahuciadas, víctimas de injusticia y opresión; y los inmigrantes.
Know the Positions of the Candidates for ATTORNEY GENERAL

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John D. Adams
Republican

Abortion:
Adams’ website states, “I will never waver in my commitment to protect innocent life. … The fact that abortion is now a constitutional right demonstrates the raw power of the Supreme Court. It also shows how important it is for Virginia to have an effective and principled lawyer to represent us before that Court. As your Attorney General, I will fight to and at the Supreme Court to protect Virginians from further judicial overreach. In Virginia, I will fight to uphold strict standards for abortion clinics and ensure that all laws passed by the General Assembly, including those that protect the unborn, are defended in court when they come under attack.”

Death Penalty:
According to an article in The Collegiate Times, Adams told the College Republicans at Virginia Tech, “I support the death penalty. If you commit a felony and kill a victim, you deserve the death penalty.”

Educational Choice:
On his website, Adams states, “Educated in public schools from kindergarten through law school, I understand the importance of a sound public education. I will fight to ensure that every student finds the same opportunities from our schools that I experienced. But, I also recognize the right and responsibility to educate our children lies foremost with parents – not politicians. Parents must be trusted to choose how best to educate their children.”

Mark R. Herring
Democrat

Abortion:
Herring’s website states, “Attorney General Mark R. Herring … has fought in court to defend a woman’s access to comprehensive healthcare services including abortion and birth control. … Herring helped defeat a 20-week abortion ban in the legislature with an official opinion that declared such a law would likely be struck down as unconstitutional, and as a state senator, he opposed legislation to restrict a woman’s access to abortion.”

Death Penalty:
In 2016, Herring issued a legal opinion in support of amendments to HB 815 that allowed the commonwealth to obtain execution drugs secretly from compounding pharmacies, thus helping to perpetuate the use of the death penalty in Virginia. In 2009, Herring voted for HB 2358, which would have expanded use of the death penalty by redefining the “triggerman” rule.

Educational Choice:
During the 2012 General Assembly session, Herring voted against SB 131. That legislation established the Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credits (EISTC) program, which provides a 65% state tax credit for donations that fund scholarships for income-eligible students to attend nonpublic K-12 schools.
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### Environmental Responsibility:

During the Young Lawyer’s Committee of the Virginia State Bar Association debate, Adams said, “Climate is changing and the temperature is increasing. That’s a fact. I think it’s a fact that human activity on earth is contributing to that. … The magnitude of the increases and the import of what’s going to happen as a result of that … are very complex questions that are, in my opinion, best left to experts. … Your legislative body has made determinations about how to manage all the conflicting interests. What I will do as attorney general, while always fighting for a clean and safe environment, is … advise the General Assembly when they need legal advice on the steps they want to take to correct problems. … And I will defend (the Department of Environmental Quality) when they get sued.”

At the Young Lawyer’s Committee of the Virginia State Bar Association debate, Herring stated, “I think President Trump made the wrong decision in pulling out of the Paris climate agreement. … I think climate change is real. … That’s why I supported the Clean Power Plan, because it offered a way that we could begin to address our energy needs in a way that minimized … carbon emissions. … I issued an opinion that said the Air Pollution Control Board in Virginia had the authority to go ahead and implement steps that we could take, even without being a part of the Paris climate agreement.”

### Freedom of Religion:

On his website, Adams states, “When the federal government tried to squelch the religious liberty of nuns and small business owners, I stood up for the freedoms of all Americans in the Supreme Court. I represented pro bono clients in Hobby Lobby and Little Sisters of the Poor, and I’ll fight whenever our religious freedom is under attack.” At the Young Lawyer’s Committee of the Virginia State Bar Association debate, Adams stated, “I will defend the religious liberty of all Virginians, regardless of their faith.” At the debate, Adams also criticized the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals decision against a Trump administration executive order restricting travel and refugee resettlement. He did not say whether it was a religious liberty issue but said, “I am deeply concerned about a case where we now have courts second-guessing the commander-in-chief on questions related to national security.”

On his website, Herring calls the Hobby Lobby case “infamous” and says he “fought … to protect a woman’s access to the full range of reproductive health care services, including contraception, without interference from her boss.” At the Young Lawyer’s Committee of the Virginia State Bar Association debate, Herring stated, “As the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals said, (the executive order restricting travel and refugee resettlement) was dripping with religious discrimination. People came to America to escape religious persecution. … A religious test on entry to the United States violates the very core of who we are as a country and who we are as a state. Virginia is the home of religious freedom.”

### Immigration:

An ABC 8 Richmond story reported that Adams’ communications director issued a statement about Herring’s defense of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program which stated: “Mark Herring issued an opinion contrary to Virginia state law and grossly exceed (sic) his authority as Attorney General, allowing thousands of illegal aliens to pay in-state tuition at our college and universities. Herring relied on DACA – itself an executive overreach – in issuing his opinion so it is no surprise that he would want to see that federal executive action continued.”

Herrings sent a letter to the president of the United States urging the continuation of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, which refrains from deporting youths who were brought to the United States as children, have no criminal records, and either serve in the military, attend school or are employed. The letter said, in part, “We urge you to affirm America’s values and tradition as a nation of immigrants and make clear that you will not only continue DACA, but that you will defend it.”

### Marriage:

Adams’ website states, “My personal belief is that marriage is between one man and one woman. Under our Constitution, Virginians – and citizens of all states – have every right to define marriage under their state laws as they see fit. … The Supreme Court’s 5-4 decision forcing the states to redefine marriage was not based on anything in the Constitution, and it denied American citizens of the very right to self-government our Founding Fathers fought for. As your Attorney General, I would never disrespect the will of Virginians by refusing to defend perfectly valid Virginia Constitutional amendments in court.”

Herrings’ website states, “Just 12 days into his term, Attorney General Mark R. Herring took the historic step of joining the fight for marriage equality, winning at the district court and appeals court before the United States Supreme Court let the decision stand, bringing marriage equality to the Commonwealth within 10 months of his taking office. Attorney General Herring is the first state attorney general to successfully argue that his state’s ban on marriage for same-sex couples should be struck down as unconstitutional.”
# Know the Positions of the Candidates for GOVERNOR

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<td>During a GOP primary debate, Gillespie stated, “I believe that life begins at conception and ends at natural death. ... The central role of government is the protection of innocent human life. ... I would, for example, sign a bill that bans abortion after an unborn child is pain capable, the 20-week bill. ... I would veto any effort to provide taxpayer funding for abortion in the commonwealth of Virginia.”</td>
<td>During the Virginia Bar Association gubernatorial debate, Gillespie stated, “I do support the death penalty in cases where we’ve had heinous crimes. And it is something that I would weigh very carefully and mental health would be a factor in a decision as to whether or not to grant clemency in that case.”</td>
<td>On his website, Gillespie states support for expanding the Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credits (EISTC) program: “In Virginia, our (EISTC) program actually saves the state money – but it only raises enough funding to help 3,500 students. But with one of the lowest tax credits in the nation, businesses and benefactors are investing in other states rather than here. We need to strengthen Virginia’s EISTC program to incentivize more investment in Virginia’s children, including early childhood education.”</td>
<td>During the Virginia Bar Association gubernatorial debate, Gillespie stated, “We need to protect the Chesapeake Bay.” Gillespie released a six-point plan for adapting to sea-level rise. In a 2014 senatorial debate with Mark Warner, Gillespie said, “Norfolk is dealing with rising sea levels but people can debate what contributes to that or not.” He went on to say he does not support the Clean Power Plan.</td>
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<td>Clifford D. Hyra</td>
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<td>According to a Washington Post profile, Hyra “supports abortion rights.” “In general, on abortion issues I would defer to the legislature. So the exception to that would be if there’s something that I feel is unconstitutional,” he said, according to a Virginia Public Radio story.</td>
<td>Hyra tweeted in response to the Virginia Bar Association debate between Gillespie and Northam: “End the death penalty. Cost is $1M+ for each conviction, error rate is at least 4%.”</td>
<td>On education, Hyra’s website states his support for introducing “more competition and choice by expanding Virginia’s charter school program, modeling it on the New York state program that shows much success, especially in the African American community.”</td>
<td>Of Virginia’s two proposed pipelines, Hyra states on his campaign website: “I would ensure that the environmental review is conducted fairly and thoroughly, according to the law.”</td>
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<td>Ralph S. Northam</td>
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<td>Northam’s website states, “Ralph has never wavered on choice and he never will. That’s why Ralph received a joint endorsement from both NARAL Pro-Choice America and NARAL Pro-Choice Virginia and carries a 100% rating with NARAL and Planned Parenthood.”</td>
<td>At the Virginia Bar Association gubernatorial debate, Northam said, “I do not agree with the death penalty. I support life in prison without parole.”</td>
<td>During the 2012 General Assembly session, Northam voted against SB 131. That legislation established the Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credits (EISTC) program, which provides a 65% state tax credit for donations that fund scholarships for income-eligible students to attend nonpublic K-12 schools.</td>
<td>Northam’s environmental plan on his website includes support for “fighting climate change and sea-level rise by ensuring Virginia meets the standards put forth in the Clean Power Plan, increasing resiliency in Hampton Roads, and opposing drilling off Virginia’s coast.” It also proposes the continuation of Chesapeake Bay clean-up.</td>
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| Edward W. “Ed” Gillespie  
**Republican**  
**Freedom of Religion:**  
According to a Washington Post interview, Gillespie said, “I believe that we can guard against discrimination and at the same time protect religious freedoms. You know one of the things I think we have to be very careful about and guard against, for example, is for … religiously affiliated institutions, whether they be charities or health care providers or educational institutions, they should not be stripped of their tax-exempt status or accreditation because they are adhering to the tenets and teaching the tenets of their faith.”

| Clifford D. Hyra  
**Libertarian**  
**Freedom of Religion:**  
No statements on Hyra’s position on freedom of religion were found. The website of the Libertarian Party of Virginia states, “Libertarians are committed to restoring and protecting civil liberties. We will protect freedom of religion, speech, press, and assembly.”

| Ralph S. Northam  
**Democrat**  
**Freedom of Religion:**  
In a Facebook post regarding a vote on SB 1324 during the 2017 General Assembly session, Northam stated, “The Senate’s ‘religious freedom’ ban is state-sanctioned discrimination against LGBT Virginians. It’s immoral, and it will hurt our economy.” SB 1324 sought to prohibit state government discrimination against clergy or religious organizations for following the teaching that marriage is between a man and a woman. During the 2012 General Assembly session, Northam voted against SB 349 in a Senate floor vote. That legislation, which became law, provides that no private child-placement agency shall be required to participate in any placement of a child for foster care or adoption when the proposed placement would violate the agency’s written religious or moral convictions or policies.

| **Immigration:**  
On immigration law enforcement, Gillespie states on his website: “We must be able to work closely with Immigration and Customs Enforcement and with the Department of Homeland Security, and allowing for the establishment of sanctuary cities and issuing drivers licenses to illegal immigrants would make Virginians less safe.” During the Virginia Bar Association gubernatorial debate, Gillespie said on the topic of in-state tuition for undocumented immigrants who were brought to this country as children, “We have scarce tax dollars and we have a hard enough time getting people who are here legally and who are citizens of the commonwealth of Virginia access to affordable college educations.”

| Hyra has used Twitter to highlight immigrants’ contribution to Virginia, tweeting in response to the Virginia Bar Association debate between Gillespie and Northam: “Immigrants are a HUGE contribution to VA economy. I know many of my clients are immigrants who came here for the American dream.”

| At the Virginia Bar Association gubernatorial debate, Northam said, “I do believe in locking up violent criminals, no matter what their status is. I also believe in allowing our local law enforcement agents to do their job and not interfere with what (U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement) is doing. … Children that have grown up and gone to our schools in Virginia, I do believe should have access to our universities and colleges and have access to in-state tuition.”

| **Marriage:**  
According to a 2014 Washington Times interview, Gillespie said, “I believe marriage is between one man and one woman and I believe that people who don’t share that view or share my faith, that doesn’t make them anti-Catholic or religious bigots. And I think people who do share my view, that doesn’t make us anti-gay either.” According to a 2017 Washington Post interview, Gillespie said, “As governor you enforce the laws and the Supreme Court has made clear that gay marriage is the law and I will enforce our laws. … I don’t seek to change it.”

| No statements on Hyra’s position on marriage were found. The Libertarian Party of Virginia states on its website, “As long as the government is in the marriage business the law should not favor one group over another. Consenting adults should be free to choose their own sexual practices, personal relationships and marry whomever they want regardless of sexual identity, preference, gender.”

| In a Northam campaign TV ad, a same-sex couple states, “He did one of the readings at our wedding. He supported marriage equality before it was popular to do so.” During his 2013 campaign for lieutenant governor, newspaper accounts cite Northam’s opposition to Virginia’s constitutional amendment that marriage is between one man and one woman: “He would support a repeal of the 2006 amendment banning same-sex marriage in Virginia.”

| **Poverty:**  
According to the Washington Post, Gillespie said, “We also have to create more opportunities and more jobs, and help people lift themselves out of poverty.” According to PolitiFact, he opposes raising the minimum wage. In his 2006 book Winning Right, he said he applauded a “commitment to the idea of greater cooperation between government and church-based charities” to address poverty issues.

| Hyra’s platform emphasizes the importance of “education in growing Virginia’s economy, reducing inequality and promoting growth across all of the Commonwealth.”

| According to his website, Northam wants to build the economy, especially in the poorer rural areas by “building a skilled workforce, encouraging entrepreneurship and startups and leveraging and growing our infrastructure.” He supports raising the minimum wage to $15 an hour, according to the Washington Post. According to a May 2017 interview with The American Prospect, he said Virginia should expand Medicaid for working Virginians who have no health care.  

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### Know the Positions of the Candidates for Lieutenant Governor

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#### Abortion:
Fairfax’s [website](https://virginiafairfax.org) states, “As Vice-Chair of Planned Parenthood Metropolitan Washington Action Fund, Justin is passionate about ensuring that women have the freedom to make their own reproductive and healthcare decisions. As Lt. Governor of Virginia, Justin will protect a woman’s right to choose.”

In a Bearing Drift op-ed, Vogel wrote, “In the almost ten years that I have served in Virginia’s Senate, I have maintained a 100% pro-life voting record – each and every year and have been in the front lines of attacks for my pro-life positions.”

#### Death Penalty:
No statements on Fairfax’s position on the death penalty were found.

In 2016, Vogel voted twice in favor of death penalty legislation. She voted for HB 815, to allow executions to continue through use of the electric chair when the commonwealth runs out of lethal injection drugs. She then voted for the [amendment](https://www.vacatholic.org) which allowed the commonwealth to purchase lethal injection drugs from compounding pharmacies whose identities are kept secret from the public.

#### Educational Choice:
No statements on Fairfax’s position on educational choice were found.

According to her [website](https://virginiafairfax.org), “Vogel has supported school choice legislation, charter schools, and education savings accounts to give parents more control and choice over the education of their children.” During the 2012 General Assembly session, Vogel voted for SB 131. That legislation established the Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credits (EISTC) program, which provides a 65% state tax credit for donations that fund scholarships for income-eligible students to attend nonpublic K-12 schools.
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<td>During the Senior Statesmen of Virginia debate, Fairfax stated, “Climate change is an existential threat to the commonwealth of Virginia and also to the country.” He said Virginia should work with military and economic partners and the public sector to find ways to reduce carbon emissions. He said Virginia should use clean energy and renewable sources of energy, and called on bipartisan solutions “as we deal with this very critical threat.”</td>
<td>During the Senior Statesmen of Virginia debate, Vogel stated, “For sure, climate change is real. We know what the science tells us.” Because of threats caused by sea-level rise, she advocates for partnering with the military. She said, “It is critical that we make this a priority and make certain that we are directing the resources that we can to the communities that need it most, to address changes that are going to be necessary for infrastructure and support those communities now before it is too late.”</td>
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<td>During the 2017 General Assembly session, Vogel voted for <a href="#">HB 1468</a> and voted for <a href="#">HB 2000</a>. Both bills would have restricted the autonomy of local law enforcement as it relates to their actions regarding the treatment of undocumented immigrants. During the 2008 General Assembly session, Vogel introduced <a href="#">SB 433</a>, which would have depolitized state and local police to serve in support of federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement.</td>
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<td>During the 2017 General Assembly session, Vogel voted to keep the definition of marriage as a union between one man and one woman in the Virginia Constitution.</td>
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<td>Fairfax’s <a href="#">website</a> states that he favors raising the minimum wage: “Virginia workers deserve the right to earn a livable wage in order to support and create economic security for their families.” Fairfax also supports Medicaid expansion to accommodate working Virginians without health care.</td>
<td>During the 2014 General Assembly session, Vogel voted against a minimum wage bill that would have raised the wage to $8.25 in 2014 and $9.25 in 2015. The <a href="#">Northern Virginia Daily</a> quoted her as saying she is “100 percent against” Medicaid expansion.</td>
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