

Nurse Priorities Election Scorecard Questionnaire Example

This questionnaire is an example only. Candidates should not fill this form out. Contact us at info@nursesofpa.org for questions.

Nurses across Pennsylvania are uniting to ensure we have elected leaders in Harrisburg who share our Nurse Priorities and partner with us as we advocate for our patients, profession, and communities.

Though we didn't train to be advocates in politics, we know that patient advocacy means speaking up everywhere decisions about healthcare and nursing are being made.

We will score every candidate for Pennsylvania's House, Senate, and Governor according to our priorities and let nurses across Pennsylvania know how you stack up on our Nurse Priorities Election Scorecard.

Please complete this questionnaire by the end of the day Wednesday, September 7th. Your responses, or lack thereof, will help determine our scoring for the Scorecard, which will be shared with nurses statewide.

Candidate Name:

Campaign Email:

Please confirm that you are the candidate named above, or that you are authorized to complete this questionnaire on their behalf:

Our Nurse Priorities

Please answer the following questions about issues critical to nurses advocating for our patients and profession.

Safe staffing standards for nurses and patients

From Boylestown to Beaver, Pennsylvanians of all races, backgrounds, and genders rely on our healthcare facilities to keep us safe when we're sick. But healthcare CEOs more interested in driving up profits than providing quality healthcare have created a catastrophic staffing crisis, burning out nurses and endangering patients.

We need elected leaders who will pass safe staffing standards so every nurse has a safe assignment and every patient in Pennsylvania can access the high quality care they deserve.

Do you support legislation to set safe staffing standards for hospitals?

Yes

No

Do you support improving safe staffing standards for nursing homes?

Yes

No

Do you support ensuring nursing homes have the funding needed to recruit, train, and retain staff, and requiring those funds go to the bedside?

Yes

No

Guarantee access to all forms of healthcare

As nurses, we should be able to deliver life-saving care patients need regardless of the situation, and everyone should have the freedom to decide whether and when they have children. But with Supreme Court justices overturning *Roe v. Wade* and the Pennsylvania General Assembly threatening to ban abortion in our state, we are very concerned about politicians trying to destroy our freedoms, and radically change or even criminalize the care we provide to our patients.

We need leaders that will support nurses, protect the care our patients need, and defend the ability for everyone to make the decisions that are right for their families.

Will you work to expand—rather than restrict—Pennsylvanians' access to healthcare?

Yes

No

Will you protect Pennsylvanian's right to an abortion?

Yes

No

Will you protect healthcare workers from attempts to criminalize providing our patients with the care they need?

Yes

No

Stop scapegoating nurses for a crisis CEOs created

As nurses, we all advocate and care for our patients, but healthcare executives and some politicians want to divide us into “good” or “bad” nurses—rather than give us the staff and resources we need to provide the highest quality of care.

The research is clear: Unsafe staffing levels increase falls, errors, readmissions, infection rates, and mortality rates, and we need elected leaders who will stand with us to address the systemic causes for negative outcomes rather than punish nurses for the inevitable consequences of unsafe assignments they're being given.

We need elected leaders who will make sure that no nurse loses their license or faces discipline for the crisis CEOs have created.

We need elected leaders that will protect nurses like we have protected our communities.

Will you work to protect caregivers from efforts to criminalize workers for the systemic problems that result from choices healthcare executives make to prioritize profit at the cost of care?

Yes

No

Guarantee a voice for nurses everywhere decisions about our patients and profession are made.

No matter where we come from or what we look like, as nurses we want to practice our profession the way we were trained and deliver compassionate, quality care to our patients. For too long healthcare executives and the politicians they pay for have called all the shots in healthcare and created the current workforce crisis.

We need elected leaders who will work with us to make a future where nurses have a voice and seat at every table where healthcare policy is made and where we can advocate for our patients and organize collectively without fear.

If elected, will you commit to seek our input or the input of other organizations of working bedside nurses and caregivers, at least as much as you seek the input of healthcare executives and their lobbyists?

Yes

No

Will you support, defend, and expand the right for nurses and all workers to form a union free of intimidation?

Yes

No

Do you oppose so-called "right to work" legislation?

Yes

No

On bills and votes, for sitting legislators:

We are scoring legislator's alignment with our priorities not only on answers to our questionnaire, but also partially based upon their record in office on the following votes and bills.

- [House Bill 106](#) / [Senate Bill 240](#)
- [Amendment 1555](#) / [Amendment 961](#)
- [Senate Bill 106](#)
- [Senate Bill 618](#)
- [Senate Bill 378](#) / [House Bill 904](#)

On bills and votes, for challengers

We are scoring legislator's alignment with our priorities not only on answers to our questionnaire, but also partially based upon their record in office on the following votes and bills. Since you are not currently in office, we instead ask you to tell us what you would do about the following legislation:

- [House Bill 106](#) / [Senate Bill 240](#)
- [Amendment 1555](#) / [Amendment 961](#)
- [Senate Bill 106](#)
- [Senate Bill 618](#)
- [Senate Bill 378](#) / [House Bill 904](#)

Would you be a cosponsor of House Bill 106 / Senate Bill 240, and will you commit to cosponsor the reintroduced version when we reintroduce it in the next legislative session?

Yes
 No

How would you have voted on Amendment 1555 / Amendment 961?

Yes
 No

How would you have voted on Senate Bill 106?

Yes
 No

How would you have voted on Senate Bill 618?

Yes
 No

Do you support Senate Bill 378 / House Bill 904?

Yes
 No

Closing Questions

Why should nurses trust your commitment to our priorities?

How will you fight for our Nurse Priorities?

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