



Business and Professional Women/PA

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BPW/PA PAC Application for Endorsement

NOTE: As a candidate applying for an endorsement and/or a financial award from the Pennsylvania Political Action Committee, you are encouraged to complete the entire application and provide as much additional information as possible. If you can not or do not wish to provide all of the information requested, you may choose to write a letter to the committee explaining why you have not provided all of the requested information and making your case for why you think you deserve the endorsement and/or a financial award from the committee.

Candidate Name: _____

Office Sought: _____

(Note: BPW/PA PAC can only support candidates running for offices within the state of Pennsylvania. If you are running for a national office, please contact BPW/USA PAC.)

Campaign Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Campaign Address: _____

Phone: _____

Website: _____

E-mail: _____

Fax: _____

Are you a member of a political party? If so, which one? _____

Have you held previous Elected Office? If yes, please tell us what office(s). _____

Opponents in Current Race

Primary _____

General _____

Please attach supporting political information about your campaign (if available) including:

- Campaign budget for primary and general elections
- Amount raised to date
- Recent polling data on race
- Key endorsements from other organizations, media, corporations, prominent individuals, and the like
- Any and all position papers
- Significant prior legislative accomplishments

The Issues

Civil Rights

Do you favor equal employment affirmative action programs to:

- a.) Increase the number of qualified women, minorities, and people with disabilities in occupations in which they are under represented? **Yes or No** (please circle one)
- b.) Improve access to contracting opportunities for these same disadvantaged groups? **Yes or No** (please circle one)
- c.) Do you support legislation to eliminate sexual harassment and violence against women? **Yes or No** (please circle one)

As an elected official, how would you ensure that your workplace is free of sexual harassment?

Health and Health Care

What is your position on reproductive freedom as a right of privacy and personal choice for all women?

Will you oppose any legislation that attempts to define when life begins?

Yes or No (please circle one)

Do you oppose legislation that restricts the use of State funds for family planning?

Yes or No (please circle one)

Do you support Medicaid funding of abortion so that all women (not only victims of rape and incest) may exercise their constitutionally protected right to abortion?

Yes or No (please circle one)

Would you be a leader in championing a woman's right to reproductive freedom – including access to family planning and abortion services?

Yes or No (please circle one)

Would you support legislation to improve research on women's health, women's access to prenatal and general health care services, and preventative health care for women?

Yes or No (please circle one)

Would you support legislation designed to reform the current health care system to improve access to quality medical care?

Yes or No (please circle one)

If so, how do you think the current system should be changed and what can you do to effect this change?

Economic Equity

Would you support legislation requiring employers to pay employees equal pay for equivalent value (defined as a composite of skills, effort, responsibilities and working conditions)?

Yes or No (please circle one)

Would you support legislation to strengthen enforcement of the equal pay act of 1963, which outlaws gender discrimination in pay scales for the same job?

Yes or No (please circle one)

As an elected official, will you implement equitable pay practices for your staff?

Yes or No (please circle one)

Will you support adequate funding for the staff/budget needs of the State agencies charged with enforcing existing equal employment opportunity laws and regulation?

Yes or No (please circle one)

Would you support legislation designed to combat the disparities described in the recent report by the Glass Ceiling Commission, which found that qualified women and minorities routinely face insurmountable barriers to promotions into top management position?

Yes or No (please circle one)

Dependent Care

Will you support legislation that will make child/dependent care more affordable for low-income families and increase and improve the number of child/dependent care facilities?

Yes or No (please circle one)

Do you support favorable tax treatment for child/dependent care expenses, including but not limited to tax credit and refunds?

Yes or No (please circle one)

Small Business

Would you support funding for programs such as loans and technical assistance to assist women entrepreneurs to develop their businesses and markets?

Yes or No (please circle one)

Would you support educational programs to help women business owners achieve access to the federal and state procurement process?

Yes or No (please circle one)

Additional Comments:

Candidate's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____