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**From: J.R. Hoeft, Editor, Bearing Drift Online Magazine**

**To: Candidates seeking the Republican Nomination for U.S. Senate**

**SUBJ: ENDORSEMENT QUESTIONNAIRE**

Bearing Drift Magazine specializes in providing a predominantly conservative audience insightful, timely, credible, and provocative news and commentary about politics and government policy affecting Virginia voters.

As the 2012 Republican nomination for U.S. Senate is of great interest to our readers, we are offering each candidate seeking the nomination the opportunity to respond to a series of questions that will appear unedited on our web site. The responses will also inform our decision as to who to endorse for the nomination.

The candidate who becomes the Republican nominee faces a serious challenge from former Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine. Bearing Drift is interested in supporting the most qualified person to take on Kaine and, once elected, to fight for conservative values in Washington, DC on behalf of the citizens of the commonwealth.

We take our endorsement seriously – as do the thousands of Virginia conservative voters who read our website and listen to our weekly syndicated radio program and podcasts.

Thank you for your dedication to our country by offering yourselves as a candidate for this incredibly important position at a crucial time in our country's history. And, thank you in advance for taking the time to respond to our questions.



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**PLEASE RESPOND ELECTRONICALLY NO LATER THAN MAY 25**

## Endorsement Questionnaire

1. Why will you make a better U.S. Senator than Tim Kaine?

**I believe in the Founders' vision for America of freedom and personal responsibility, where individualism is revered and protected. I believe, as they did, that government's responsibility is to protect our rights. Tim Kaine believes in a false vision for America where primary responsibility is to the group and the government that rules us; where collectivism is revered and forced on the individual, but of course "for the good of all." Tim Kaine, as a modern liberal, is an intellectual heir of totalitarian thinkers. I claim the legacy of the Founding Fathers and classical liberalism, which today is defined as conservatism.**

2. CISPA (Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act) has received bipartisan support – and opposition. Do you support or oppose this measure? Please explain your position.

**I oppose CISPA. There are many issues with it. Simply put, it is full of extremely broad definitions which fail to create the safeguards that the representatives insist are present, and which leave room for dangerous unintended consequences.**

3. If elected to the United States Senate, which committees would you seek to serve on and why?

**There are many committees I feel I could serve on effectively. One in particular that I feel is important, especially on this Memorial day, is the Armed Services Committee. Our servicemen and women are ordinary people, and yet they are heroes. We owe them a debt of gratitude we can**



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**never repay. I believe there are many promises and responsibilities to them that have not been kept and I want to see that situation remedied.**

4. A number of candidates have expressed a desire to amend the Constitution in a variety of ways. Do you believe the U.S. Constitution needs amending? If so, in what ways? Do you favor a constitutional convention?

**I would amend the Constitution to protect the lives of unborn children, define marriage as a union between one man and one woman and require that the federal government balance the budget with a limit on its ability to raise taxes except in cases of national emergency. I would oppose a Constitutional convention however.**

5. Do you believe the current balance between state and federal responsibilities is appropriate? If not, how would you correct the balance?

**No, today the balance has been tipped heavily toward the federal government. This will only be corrected when all unconstitutional activity by the federal government is stopped.**

6. Are you committed to balancing the federal budget and paying down the national debt? If so, explain your plan to accomplish this goal and how you would go about gaining the political support to see your plan enacted into law.

**I am fully committed to balancing the federal budget and eliminating the national debt. I have pledged not to vote for any budget that is not balanced and against any attempt to raise the debt ceiling. Until recently, leadership is what has been lacking in this area. Today we have leadership from Rand Paul & Jim Demint. What we need now is more leaders like them who can articulate the message and build overwhelming support both from American people that will move the members of the Senate and the House.**



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7. It has been more than three years since the U.S. Senate passed a formal budget through regular order. Do you support reform of the Congressional budget process? If so, how would you go about reforming the process?

**Congress should never have been allowed to fund the government through continuing resolutions. I would immediately call for that to end. While it is the responsibility of the House of Representatives to pass any budget first, I would work with any group of representatives in Congress to create a balanced budget and advocate for it.**

8. Please describe one piece of legislation you will champion during your term in office if elected.

**A bill to repeal The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.**

9. Do you support reform of the Senate rules, specifically to end filibusters and the ability of individual Senators to place holds on nominees?

**No.**

10. If elected, you will likely have to vote on confirming a nominee to the U.S. Supreme Court. What are you looking for in a potential Supreme Court justice?

**Nominees who respect the Constitution based on the actual wording and intent of the framers; believe in the sanctity of human life; believe in the traditional definition of marriage as a union between one man and woman; have the intellectual ability to do the job at hand; and have the intestinal fortitude to stand up for Constitutional principles and not be swayed by the opinions of the media, the public or their fellow justices.**