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2011 GOP Senate Candidate Questionnaire

Are you satisfied with VDOT's efficiency and effectiveness? Do you think they need more funding or greater efficiency? What are your ideas for improvement?

I am not satisfied. We need to address VDOT's inefficiency and look at how that agency spends its money. We need to reduce VDOT's budget and make sure it finds ways to do cost saving engineering.

Do you think Virginia should embrace education reform? Is our current public education system sufficient, or do you think it needs a substantial rethinking and overhaul? If you support reform, what specific reforms do you favor?

Virginia should embrace education reform. There are areas where the system functions well, but in others there is need of reform. I support school choice and feel parents and students should be empowered to control where and how their children are educated. Also – adding charter schools to the mix will actually improve public education as it will give the incentive to compete. Variety is always beneficial. In all cases, the children and the classroom should benefit from allocated resources rather than going to heavy administrative costs.

Should new highways be funded through existing revenues, tolls, fuel taxes or some other method? Be specific.

New highways and also maintenance on existing roads should be funded through existing revenues. I oppose any new taxes and tolls. We can fund new roads with existing revenues and even cut back on costs by finding ways to reduce the cost of construction by using innovative engineering methods, materials, and practices.

Do you favor term limits for Virginia legislators?

Yes, I favor term limits for VA legislators. I am not in favor of politicians being in office forever.

Explain why you are a better choice than your opponent?

I want to serve my community to give back in return for what I have been given. I am a better choice due to my vast experience working in the private sector. I've worked with many industries through construction that have been affected by massive regulations, taxes, and mandates. I've seen agencies that duplicate services and are in need of reform. I've been connected in all segments of the communities in the 36th district. My opponents' perspective and experience is lacking in private sector business experience as he deals with government, political and public policy activist customers.

Does Virginia government spend too much, too little or just enough?

Virginia government spends too much. The budget has grown 60% in the last 8 years. We have too much duplication of efforts and redundancy of functions between agencies. We need to look at all the budgets and pare it back. Governor McDonnell has done a great job balancing the budget. I want to be in the Senate to keep the progress going.

Name one law you would patron a bill to repeal?

I would repeal the law from 1975 that established the Department of Minority Business Enterprise, commonly known as the DMBE. I believe business development programs should not be race-based or gender-based.

When Virginia receives a surplus, what should it do with the revenues?

Surpluses should be rebated back to the taxpayers.

What areas of government do you feel are best left to private markets or individuals to provide?

Anything and everything the private sector can do should be left there and not assumed as a government role. Things such as debt collection, business assistance (there are actually government agencies that instruct businesses how to obtain government entitlements – we need to axe that) and liquor sales – even the DMV has certain services it could privatize. Every function beyond licensing could be performed privately.

Do you consider the Virginia Constitution (as adopted in 1971 and amended since) to grant too much power to state government? If not, why not? If so, what powers given to Richmond would you propose to be restricted or repealed by constitutional amendment?

I believe state government should have more power than the federal and in that regard the state government is not granted too much power. I'm reviewing the state constitution daily and have an even greater understanding. The Right to Work Law should be included in the VA Constitution.

When does life begin? When should life be protected under the laws of the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia?

Life begins at conception and should be protected as such under all laws.

In Virginia, is there too much gun control or too little? What laws would you like to see changed and how?

One change – I would like to see the Castle Law passed. I think the laws we have ensure that qualified gun owners who have a conceal-carry permit have the right in VA to carry a handgun in accordance with our 2nd Amendment Right to Bear Arms.

Do you support the Dillon Rule?

Counties generally know best what they need, but I support the Dillon Rule because it guards against corruption at the local level. I am not entirely certain, however, that Dillon's Rule actually prevents this local corruption from happening entirely.

Would you support school choice legislation, including legislation to allow parents to receive a tax credit up to a certain amount if their children are not in public school?

I would support school choice legislation and I'm a proponent of charter schools and home schooling. I am in favor of tax credits for this.