

## A DAY AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Dear Burrillville and Glocester residents of District 47,

On Wednesday, May 12, I was invited to the State House to sit in on a session of the House of Representatives and meet some people who currently serve. Two observations that I would like to share with you from my visit:

1. The session lasted less than an hour. The State still has not properly closed its budget gap and has not dealt with the pending pension catastrophe. The Speaker adjourned the session early so that the Democrats who control the Assembly could all go to a Democrat fundraiser. Is this why we send representatives to the General Assembly, to avoid the difficult decisions and to work harder on their own fundraising?
2. Half the people that I met were lobbyists.

Having said this, I did meet some enthusiastic, bright people, who did not want to attend the party fundraiser and opted to work more after the session. To be fair, these were both Republicans and Democrats, all of whom I could work with. It was encouraging in how we discussed and found common ground on key issues:

\* The need **TO CREATE PRIVATE SECTOR JOBS** for Rhode Islanders.

\* The need for **LOWER TAXES** and to **REDUCE THE SIZE OF STATE GOVERNMENT**.

If elected, I promise that **I will fight to save your money** by carefully spending our tax dollars. **I will not bow to pressure** from union lobbyists. I will vote on important issues based on the merits of each issue. **I will not vote as I am told by the House Speaker**, as any Democrat elected from our district must do. For 6 years now, Rep. Pacheco voted only as he was instructed by his Party leadership. Any freshman Democrat from Burrillville/Glocester will do the same, no matter what promises they make during the next few months.

**ONE PARTY RULE** has been in place for 75 years in RI. It must change now if we want to **stop future tax increases, reverse job losses in the private sector, and stop the runaway growth of our state government**. No matter what your past political allegiances have been, remember that your November vote is about our future. Please, give me your support so that we can add another **independent vote** to the General Assembly.

Thank you,  
Donald Fox

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