

## Fancy political ads, but what do the candidates stand for?

Dear Burrillville and Glocester residents of District 47,

The “political ad silly season” is upon us and I am scratching my head as I read the ads. Last week, the two Democrat primary candidates for State Rep. put out fancy ads that said NOTHING about their plans to solve our state’s REAL problems. They filled their pages with the same meaningless political double talk that we see every election cycle. I am an educated guy, though I am not a lawyer like my opponents. Maybe I need to be a lawyer to understand what they plan to do to solve our biggest problems which are in fact **UNEMPLOYMENT, HIGH TAXES and OUT OF CONTROL GOVERNMENT SPENDING**. They do not mention any of these. They apparently feel that the most pressing issues are reforming the DMV and promoting eco-tourism, as that is what they chose to highlight in their “political ads”. I am a straightforward person who does not like to waste time talking about nonsense that will not help our state. So, please let me reiterate what I think are the real issues and solutions to bring RI back from the brink of economic collapse:

**CREATE NEW PRIVATE SECTOR JOBS THROUGH LOWER TAX RATES.** This is the only proven way to kick start private sector job growth. Over the next 5 years, our state needs to reduce Personal Income Tax Rates, Business Tax Rates, Sales Tax Rates and repeal the slew of regressive sin taxes it has placed on just about everything we use. Ask yourself why New Hampshire has ridden out this recession with just over 6% unemployment. If you want the answer, look at their tax structure.

I will NEVER vote to raise a single tax on you or your families. In fact, just this week I signed the **Taxpayer Protection Pledge** issued by Americans for Tax Reform, a non-profit taxpayer advocacy group.

**REDUCE THE SIZE OF STATE GOVERNMENT.** If we are to reduce the tax revenues that we allow the State to collect from us, the State then must spend less money and become smaller. As so many RI families have had to make do with less, so should our State government.

**REFORM OUR STATE WELFARE AND PENSION SYSTEMS.** If we want to reduce the size of State government, we need to reform critical state departments, including but not limited to the Welfare Office and the State Pension Plan.

The welfare system must be reformed to support **LEGAL RI CITIZENS** who need temporary financial help. It must not be an endless font of money to illegal immigrants who flock to our state for free government money.

The pension system needs to be reformed to insure that it does not go bankrupt in a few short years. We are quickly reaching a point where the RI taxpayer cannot support the **\$9.4 Billion in unfunded pension liabilities** currently on our books. We need to at least start by changing the system so that new staff in public jobs will have the opportunity to pay into private 401K style pension programs, like most of us do.

Having said all that let me ask you why my opponents do not talk about the State’s actual problems with their ideas for real solutions. They cannot because the leaders in their party, who control the State House, derive their power from special interests that live off big government and big government spending. Those special interest groups control our current State Rep. and will control any Democrat from our district. No matter what they promise you in fancy political ads that offer nothing substantive, they will bow to those special interests as soon as they walk through the State House doors. **I will not.**

Though a life-long independent, I am running as a fiscally conservative Republican with the taxpayers as my special interest. I believe in the original tenants of the Republican party – smaller government, less taxation, more individual freedom with less government intrusion are so much more relevant today in this era of massive government expansion. Please, give me your support on November 2 and I promise to make you proud that you voted for someone who understands the real problems in the Rhode Island and is prepared to do actually work to solve them.

Thank you,  
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