

Dear Burrillville and Glocester residents of District 47,

Now that I have asked my opponent, Mr. Pacheco, to follow my lead and join me in supporting the proposed National Guard training school at Zambarano and the *jobs* it will create, I want to tell you about myself and my positions.

My name is Donald Fox. My wife, Rachel and I have 3 children - Claudia, Caroline and Douglas, all of whom are in the Burrillville public school system. We own the Alashan Cashmere Company, a Harrisville-based clothing importer and distributor. I bring 17 years of business experience to the table. I know firsthand what it takes to run a RI business and provide a living wage to our employees. As Rachel and I have watched the deepening economic disaster that is the RI economy unfold over the past decade, we talked a great deal about the disconnect between our state reps and the economic realities that RI families face every day. The grim outlook for our children finally solidified my decision to run for the District 47 seat in November.

My opponent is a nice guy. However, that is not enough for Burrillville and Glocester. Too often Mr. Pacheco votes as instructed by the political machine in Providence, often to the detriment of Burrillville and Glocester. His voting record, which I will highlight as we move through 2010, bears this out. I owe no such allegiance to any group and *never* will. I am seeking support from open-minded and forward-looking people from any political party or group – Independent, Tea Party, Moderate, Libertarian, Republican or Democrat. Below is my position on the critical issues that face our state:

**1. LOWER TAXES** – We must make RI more attractive to all businesses, but especially small businesses. They are the engine of growth for RI. Yet the General Assembly has done its best to destroy the engine by taxing, taxing and taxing it some more. We also need to attract more consumers from MA and CT into RI stores, through a lower state sales tax. We CAN NOT tax our way out of the current economic mess and that is what the General Assembly, including Mr. Pacheco, has tried to do in the past and plans to do going forward. We must cut income tax rates and the state sales tax. We must eliminate the capital gains and estate (death) taxes. Leave more money with our businesses and citizens and they will *grow our economy*.

**2. JOB PROMOTION** – We should focus our efforts on industries that make sense. Government should not be the largest employer in RI! Bio-tech, aqua culture, defense, and renewable energy (wind farms) are but a few of the job sectors that our state representatives and senators should be focusing on to move RI up from its rank as the state with the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest unemployment rate (12.9%) in the nation.

**3. SMALLER GOVERNMENT** – Bigger is not better when it comes to Government, especially in RI. The larger our state government has grown the more inefficient and wasteful it has become. *EVERY* state-funded agency and department should be subject to an automatic 10% cut in budget. RI families have had to cut back further and deeper than 10% in recent years. The State should do the same.

**4. STRONGER WELFARE MEASURES** – We need to end the portrayal of RI as a haven state for illegal immigrants and other habitual system abusers, who come here and draw away welfare services from legitimate RI *citizens* who actually need them.

**5. STATE MANDATES** – We need to do away with costly unfunded mandates that are handed down from the General Assembly to the town level, leaving local municipalities scrambling to come up with ways to fund them. These unfunded state mandates = higher property taxes in your town!

**6. Voter ID** – You *must* provide an ID to vote, and you should register when you are 18 years old.

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