



DONALD FOX

- Candidate for State Representative – District 47 (Burrillville & Glocester)
- Husband and proud father of three children in the Burrillville school system
- Burrillville Resident for 14 years
- Local business owner – Alashan Cashmere Company (Harrisville)
- 17 years of experience in the international textile and apparel industry
- Dedicated supporter of local youth sports programs
- Member of the Northern RI Chamber of Commerce
- Member of the Wallum Lake Rod and Gun Club
- Member of the RI Salt Water Anglers Association and Save the Bay
- Chairman of the Burrillville Rubbish & Recycling Committee

While I encourage you to learn more about me at www.donaldfox.org, I want the voters in our district to know that I was a life-long Independent before I decided to seek office.

Many have since asked me why I am running as a Republican. Some advised that I should run as a Democrat, as I could be “*elected more easily*”. I would not compromise my principles as a fiscal conservative and therefore decided to run as a Republican. A recent email from a concerned resident in our district highlighted why my decision to run as a Republican was the correct decision. The email contained quotes from the founder of the *original Republican Party* (then called the Democratic-Republican Party or the Jeffersonian Republican Party) – Thomas Jefferson. The quotes are as relevant today as they were when our third President wrote them over 200 years ago:

“I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them.”

“It is incumbent on every generation to pay its own debts as it goes. A principle which if acted on would save one-half the wars of the world.”

“My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from too much government.”

“The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not.”

As your State Representative, my platform will be rooted in the same principles espoused by Thomas Jefferson, but with a focused plan to solve the present day problems that Rhode Island faces. We need urgent action in our state, not just words from politicians whose only interest is in getting elected again in two years. While it will not be easy, my focus will be on an action plan to help bring RI back from the edge of financial disaster and recreate an environment in which businesses once again want to set up shop and create good paying private sector jobs. My top priorities include:

1. Private sector job creation through the reduction and/or elimination of high RI tax rates. One of my opponents recently proposed to establish tax incentives for businesses adding employees. This is a typical misguided idea from a *lawyer* who does not understand how to create jobs. I created 7 full time jobs in Harrisville during the past 6 years. I know how to create jobs and what it takes to keep them. The most proven way to quickly create sustainable private sector jobs is to **CUT TAXES**. Small business owners want tax cuts **BEFORE** they hire more staff and take on more risk.

2. Reduced government spending and the waste that inevitably comes with large government programs. During this past spring, the **Democrats in the State House could not bring themselves to cut the state budget** in any meaningful way. The end result was higher taxes on cars and property for all of us in Burrillville and Glocester.

3. Reform the large government spending programs, such as the public pension system and welfare system. We are out of money and need to start reforming the programs before they bankrupt the state. Should RI judges be allowed to collect a pension for life after serving 1 year on the job? No, we cannot afford it and should not allow it!

Sometimes we need to look at our past to plan for our future.

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