

# Back to BUSINESS!

Dear Burrillville and Glocester Residents of District 47,

As I write this, the Primary is still days away. As you read it, the Primary may still be taking place. We had a little fun with last week's ad, but now it is time to get back to **BUSINESS**. I stress the word "business" because it is the one thing that we need if our once great state is to climb out of this economic mess. We do not need more taxes, more fees, or even a "more efficient DMV" and "enhanced surveillance at our local ponds", as one of my opponents recently suggested. **None** of that will help us with the **real problems** we face. The **current Democrat leadership** in the RI House of Representatives is **extremely liberal when it comes to spending our tax dollars**. They were so desperate to close the state's budget deficit this year that they even considered new taxes on sugary soda drinks. Instead, one of their solutions was to **raise our local car taxes** by removing the car tax exemption that is normally passed to the cities and towns. **They could not cut back on wasteful government spending in any significant manner and WE ALL PAID FOR IT!**

If we are to jumpstart the RI economy we need **JOBS** and the **BUSINESSES** that create them. The July 2010 official unemployment rate in RI was 11.9%. The rate in New Hampshire was 5.8%. Why such a huge difference? Let us quickly compare the states:

	Rhode Island	New Hampshire
Unemployment Rate	11.9%	5.8%
Population	1.0 million	1.3 million
State Personal Income Tax Rate	5.99% (highest bracket)	0%
State Sales Tax	7%	0%
Size of State Budget (2008 actual)	\$7.1 Billion	\$4.8 Billion
Per capita spending on welfare programs	\$132.39 (10 <sup>th</sup> highest in USA)	\$53.42 (lowest in USA)

New Hampshire has been able to ride out this recession with such low unemployment because of its **fiscal discipline** and **favorable business climate**. 75 years of one party rule in RI has left us in an economic tailspin.

**The RI state budget is 48% larger than New Hampshire's**, but NH's population is 30% higher than RI's. Rhode Island is in fact losing population as people flee our state.

How can NH operate with a smaller state budget? As one example, look at their spending per capita on welfare. They are the lowest in the country. People move to NH to work and live, not to receive government handouts. Rhode Island's bloated welfare system has made us a magnet for cases of welfare fraud and abuse. You will not hear me call for the expansion of government very often, so please mark this day carefully. I am in favor of the addition of government staff whose sole purpose is to **find and prosecute welfare fraud**. If elected, I promise to submit legislation to do exactly that.

Rhode Island must figure out how to emulate the successful policies of states like New Hampshire. Like most of you, I love living in Rhode Island and the town which I call home. For the past **14 years** I have lived in Burrillville, started my family here, and would eventually like to retire here, not in Florida or in some other state where there is no personal income tax. **I want my children to remain in RI**. They should not be forced to look for work elsewhere in our country.

If elected, I vow to submit legislation that would result in **lower taxes and more efficient/smaller government** for all of us. As a business owner in Harrisville, I know what it will take to create new jobs. Please compare my platform and proposals for our state's problems to those of my opponent, whoever it may be by the end of today.

Please visit my website - [www.donaldfox.org](http://www.donaldfox.org) for more information on my plans and for copies of all past Bargain Buyer ads. Please contact me at anytime on my personal cell at 401-265-9674 or via email me at [donfox47@cox.net](mailto:donfox47@cox.net).

I am working hard to visit many of you in person as I walk our district. I may not be able to knock on every door between now and November 2, though I will try! If anyone would like a personal visit to discuss my ideas for RI's future, please call my cell phone. **I work and live in town full time**. I will get out to your home as soon as possible.

Thanks,  
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