

# KEABLE OPPOSES CUTTING TAXES?!?!

Dear Burrillville and Glocester Residents of District 47,

In the recent Providence Sunday Journal (10/10/10) article on the District 47 House race here in Burrillville & Glocester, my opponent said it is **irresponsible to advocate eliminating the sales and income taxes, without detailing corresponding spending cuts**. It is worth noting that my opponent chose to meet the ProJo reporter while accompanied by Senator Fogarty, who has been incapable of voting for any significant spending cuts in his 12 years in the RI Senate. Not only that, but Mr. Fogarty is running near the top of the Senate list this year for total campaign contributions from **SPECIAL INTERESTS!** If my opponent is associating himself with the **entrenched political machine before the election**, I can understand why Mr. Keable has not advocated for cutting taxes or spending.

Since the very start of this campaign, I have made it clear that I am the **FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE** choice for State Representative in our district. I have continually outlined my platform to cut **TAXES!** My opponent has **continually** talked of “*fixing the DMV*” and spending our tax dollars to “*install surveillance cameras*” at RI pond boat launches, showing a **lack of understanding** of the real problems faced by families all over Rhode Island. Our state faces **record deficits, sky-rocketing tax rates** and **bloated government spending**, but Mr. Keable refuses to talk about these issues.

If we **cut taxes**, we will create a **business-friendly environment** which will **create private sector JOBS!** My opponent wants to provide a tax break to businesses **after** they hire new staff. Again, this demonstrates a **complete lack of understanding** about the business environment in RI. Businesses want to see immediate benefits that allow them to consider hiring new staff, not some vague promise of hard-to-obtain tax breaks after they have hired a new employee.

I have talked of **eliminating legislative grants** that the General Assembly leadership uses as legalized bribes to pass their liberal tax and spend agenda. My opponent is walking door-to-door with those special interests when he walks with Sen. Fogarty. Mr. Keable has never once joined me in calling for the elimination of legislative grants.

I am a **local** businessman who set up his business in Burrillville to support the community in which I am raising my family. My opponent is a lawyer who has **lived and practiced law out of state for almost 10 years**, only returning to live full time in Burrillville just before this election season!

I have been endorsed by numerous, **non-partisan** organizations that promote **business and job growth, small government** and the protection of our **Constitution**. They include:

- **Rhode Island Statewide Coalition Business Network**
- **Rhode Island Tea Party**
- **National Rifle Association**
- **Local business owners who believe in my vision for job growth**



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 compare the states:

	<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>New Hampshire</b>
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>11.9%</b>	<b>5.8%</b>
<b>Population</b>	<b>1.0 million</b>	<b>1.3 million</b>
<b>State Personal Income Tax Rate</b>	<b>5.99% (highest bracket)</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>State Sales Tax</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Size of State Budget (2008 actual)</b>	<b>\$7.1 Billion</b>	<b>\$4.8 Billion</b>
<b>Per capita spending on welfare programs</b>	<b>\$132.39 (10<sup>th</sup> highest in USA)</b>	<b>\$53.42 (lowest in USA)</b>
<b>Average Property Tax level</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> highest in the USA</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> highest in the USA</b>

New Hampshire has been able to ride out this recession with such low unemployment because of its **fiscal discipline** and **favorable business climate**. Mr. Keable's comments are **not accurate** when he claims NH property taxes are so much higher than RI's. Our property tax rates in RI are just as high. The difference is that RI also hits our businesses and citizens with high income tax levels and high sales tax rates. Would you rather start a business in RI or in NH?

**The RI state budget is 48% larger than New Hampshire's, but our population is 23% smaller than NH's. Rhode Island is in fact losing population, as people flee our state to find job opportunities and retirement opportunities elsewhere.**

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, live and spend their money at local businesses, not to receive government handouts. **I am prepared to work hard to cut government spending, thereby allowing us to lower our tax rates.** Is Mr. Keable prepared to do the same? It appears not, as he is already working with the entrenched interests and political machine.

If elected, I vow to submit legislation to:

- 1. Lower taxes and promote more efficient/smaller government.**
- 2. Create a statewide E-Verify system, along with Arizona-style immigration reform for RI.**
- 3. Reform our Public Pension system.**
- 4. Eliminate Unfunded State Mandates.**

Rhode Islanders have a chance to send a message on November 2. **Enough is enough!** We do not need another family "name" being elected. Just a family name is not good enough for our district.

- We need **independent thinkers** who will put the good of the taxpayer before the good of the party machine in Providence.
- We need candidates dedicated to **repealing regressive taxes**, like the **CAR TAX**, which hurt our most needy citizens more than any others.
- We need candidates who believe in **term limits**.

With your support on November 2, **I will work hard to preserve your income, grow jobs and get RI back on its feet.** Your vote is critical this year. Please come out and show the special interests that have controlled this state for so long that **enough is enough!**

Thanks,  
Don

