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CANDIDATE FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (D)

Should Virginia use federal funding to expand Medicaid that bridges the gap between the current Medicaid program and qualifying for marketplace subsidies?

Yes - I will fight to expand Medicaid in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Everyone should have access to affordable, quality healthcare, and I support legislation that provides coverage for more people.

Should Virginia provide health care coverage for those under 18, regardless of immigration status?

Yes - We as a Commonwealth should ensure that all children have access to healthcare. Ensuring that all children have a healthy start to their lives will help prevent future illness and lead to a healthier, more prosperous and productive Virginia.

Do you support state and/or local law enforcement agencies volunteer to become deputized ICE agents and enforce civil immigration laws by signing a 287(g) agreement?

No - I believe that currently certain aspects of federal government's immigration law enforcement practices are unethical, and that we in Virginia should not cooperate with these raids. We need to protect our immigrant communities from harassment and discriminatory policies.

Should all age-eligible individuals who pass the driving exam be allowed a driver's license, regardless of immigration status?

Yes - Driver's licenses should be available to all Virginians regardless of immigration status. Ensuring that all drivers are licensed is a safety issue, as well as a crucial part of keeping a job and supporting one's family.





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Do you support policies that protect cooperating victims of crime and witnesses from routine immigration inquiries by law enforcement?

Yes - Everyone should be able to feel safe while interacting with law enforcement. It ultimately makes out communities less safe if undocumented immigrants' fear of deportation prevents them from helping with police investigations and reporting crime.

Should the minimum wage be raised to \$15 in Virginia?

Yes - It is impossible for a worker who earns \$7.25 per hour to support themselves, much less provide for a family. The minimum wage needs to be raised, and I will be part of the fight to achieve this goal.

Should Virginia rescind its "right to work" law?

Yes - In November of 2016 the voters of Virginia had a chance to make their preference known on Right to Work. The question was placed on the ballot and was defeated. I support a path to overturning Virginia's Right to Work law.

Should the state establish a new top income tax rate bracket (current top bracket is \$17,000) and update our current brackets to account for inflation?

Yes - Virginia's tax brackets haven't been updated in thirty years - the law reflects income levels from the late 1980s and contains many loopholes and breaks. The tax system needs periodic updates to stay in touch with economic realities across the Commonwealth.

Should Virginia protect or expand funding for programs that benefit English Language Learners?

Yes - I want Virginia to be a place where everyone is welcome and diversity is encouraged. I strongly support the continued funding of programs that ensure public access to programs designed to assist English language learners and immigrants.





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Should college in-state tuition rates be available to any student who graduated from a Virginia high school, regardless of immigration status?

Yes - Attorney General Mark Herring has confirmed that children of undocumented immigrants who are lawfully present under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program qualify for in-state college tuition. I believe this availability should continue.

What strategies do you support to expand college affordability?

I support reducing tuition levels for state-owned post-secondary institutions to substantially reduce the financial burden on young Virginians as they earn a college education. I also support legislation that allows individuals to refinance their student loans at lower rates.

What steps would you take to improve language access of state documents and agencies to English Language Learners?

Many state government websites are translated into other languages and an interpreter is available for speakers for foreign languages on the telephone. The Commonwealth can also make common forms available in other languages.

Do you support no excuse absentee voting?

Yes - Every citizen deserves to be heard at the ballot box, and to enable more people to exercise their vote, voting hours should not be limited to Election Day. Virginians should be permitted to vote early without an excuse.

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