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CANDIDATE FOR 13TH DISTRICT (D)

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

Yes - There are about 3,700 uninsured residents of the 13th District who earn up to 138% of the federal poverty line. They are the definition of working poor.

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

No - It is a poverty of morality to force a minor of that minor's parents to choose between health care and debt.

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?

Only with conditions - We have this in Prince William County. The problem is it affects people who are merely arrested, not just convicted, and it requires local law enforcement to become much more familiar with federal law.

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

Use Delaware's precedent - Delaware struck the right balance: a card that looks different from regular licenses, says it's not official ID, and requires driver's ed as well as proof of residency.

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

Yes - We cannot scare or intimidate people if we expect them to help police solve crimes. We need them as witnesses.





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

Yes, over an extended period of time - Virginia (\$7.25) needs to first catch up to West Virginia (\$8.75) before we can approach a living wage.

Should Virginia rescind its "right to work" law?

The people demonstrated through their vote last year that they don't want this.

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

Undecided

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

Yes - If our residents are left without the ability to communicate with their neighbors and elected representatives, they'll undoubtedly be left behind.

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

Yes - It costs more money to provide social services to residents left behind in our education system than it does to educate them so they can contribute more to our economy.

What strategies do you support to expand college affordability?

The audit of the University of Virginia that revealed \$2 billion in unaccounted for money after years of tuition hikes shows we need more transparency and accountability in our university systems so tuition rates accurately reflect schools' ability to operate.





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

The first step is to hire more multi-lingual people who speak a broad range of languages so they can help our residents.

Do you support no excuse absentee voting?

Yes - I also support automatic voter registration with an opt-out clause like the system in Oregon.

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