

North Carolina FreeEnterprise Foundation
2010 Questionnaire
Candidates for North Carolina General Assembly

Please complete and return
by June 11 Deadline

SECTION I. Candidate Personal Profile Information

Name: ROGER GERBER Office Sought (circle): Senate House District #: 18
Party (circle): Democrat Republican Other: _____
Address: 200 STAGS TRAIL City: CHAPEL HILL State: NC Zip: 27516
County of Residence: CHATHAM Length of Residence in County: 32 years
Home Phone: 919 967-1029 Work Phone: 919 619-8915 Mobile Phone: 919 619-8915
Email: gerber NCsenate@gmail.com Fax: _____
Gender: MALE Race/Ethnicity: American Religion: Methodist
Place of Birth (city/state): Philadelphia / PA Date of Birth: June 17, 1948
Marital Status (circle): Married Single Divorced Separated Number of Children: 2
Occupation: retired Employer: NA - self
Military Service: NA High School: Berlin High School - Berlin CT
Colleges/Universities Attended: Franklin + Marshall College Lancaster, PA
Degrees: BA Government
Previous Elected/Appointed Offices: member of the NC Charter School Advisory
Comm. Htee, Chatham County Board of Elections

SECTION II. Candidate Campaign Information

Name of Campaign Committee: GERBER for NC Senate
Campaign Email: gerber NCsenate@gmail.com Campaign Website: www.gerber NCsenate.com
Campaign Phone: 919 619-8915 Campaign Fax: NA
Campaign Address: 200 STAGS TRAIL City: CHAPEL HILL State: NC Zip: 27516
Campaign Treasurer: Liz MOREY Campaign Treasurer Phone: 919 225-1200
Political Consultants: _____

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Considering your personal and professional associations, how likely are you to receive support from each of the following groups?

	Very Likely	Likely	Unknown	Unlikely	Very Unlikely
A. North Carolina Advocates for Justice (formerly the Academy of Trial Lawyers)	1	2	3	4	5
B. Medical Groups (ex. Doctors, Hospital Administrators)	1	2	3	4	5
C. Banking & Finance Industry	1	2	3	4	5
D. Utility/Telecommunications Companies	1	2	3	4	5
E. Real Estate & Construction Industry	1	2	3	4	5
F. Labor Unions	1	2	3	4	5
G. Retail/Wholesale Businesses	1	2	3	4	5
H. State Employees Association of N.C. (SEANC)	1	2	3	4	5
I. Insurance Industry	1	2	3	4	5
J. N.C. Association of Educators (NCAE)	1	2	3	4	5
K. Business Professionals (ex. Architects, Accountants, Engineers)	1	2	3	4	5
L. Transportation Industry	1	2	3	4	5
M. Agri-business Interests	1	2	3	4	5
N. Legislative Leadership Committees	1	2	3	4	5

Are there other groups not listed that you would expect to receive a campaign contribution or endorsement from? (Ex. Lillian's List, Anti-Tax Groups)

Republican Liberty Caucus

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SECTION III. CANDIDATE ISSUE QUESTIONS & STATEMENTS

Instructions: Please respond to the following questions and statements by circling the response that best represents your position or opinion. You are invited to provide additional comments or explanations for your answers on a separate page. Please be sure to identify which question you are commenting on by noting the appropriate question number with your additional comments.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. For every \$100.00 of sales, about how much profit do you believe the average North Carolina business nets? (Circle one response)

Under \$1 \$1-5 \$5-10 \$10-25 \$25-50 Over \$50

2. The current level of taxes paid by North Carolina businesses is too high, too low, or about right? (Circle one response)

Too high Too low About right

3. Have you owned or managed a business? (If so, please describe below.)

Yes No

years ago, retail work and a geodesic dome company
also managed box office with wife for Ringling Bros Barnum + Bailey
Circus

4. Do you believe that environmental laws and regulations in North Carolina are too strict, about right, or too lenient?

Too Strict About Right Too Lenient Undecided depends on specific regulation

BUDGET & TAXES

5. Reducing taxes on businesses in North Carolina will stimulate economic activity resulting in the creation of more jobs and increased tax revenue.

Agree Disagree Undecided

6. Reducing taxes on businesses in North Carolina will reduce state revenues and cause substantial harm to critical government programs and services.

Agree Disagree Undecided

7. The growth of state spending from year to year should be limited to a specific growth factor such as the rate of inflation.

Agree Disagree Undecided

8. Recurring state budget expenditures should only be funded with existing, recurring revenues.

Agree Disagree Undecided

9. The state sales tax should be expanded to include personal and professional services such as haircuts, automotive repairs, legal services and medical services.

Agree Disagree Undecided

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10. Dedicated sources of revenue (such as the Highway Trust Fund) should not be transferred to the General Fund as a means of balancing the state budget.

Agree Disagree Undecided

11. North Carolina's personal income tax should be increased in order to provide more revenue for state programs and services.

Agree Disagree Undecided

12. The North Carolina General Assembly should make permanent the one-cent sales tax increase that is set to expire on June 30, 2011, in order to secure those revenues for future needs and planning.

Agree Disagree Undecided

EMPLOYMENT

13. North Carolina should remain a "Right to Work" state, meaning that a person cannot be required to join a union in order to get or keep a job.

Agree Disagree Undecided

14. The North Carolina General Assembly should raise the state's minimum wage above the current level of \$7.25 per hour.

Agree Disagree Undecided

15. The North Carolina General Assembly should mandate what specific health benefits coverage private-sector employers provide to their employees, even if it raises the cost of premiums.

Agree Disagree Undecided

16. The North Carolina General Assembly should expand workers' compensation disability payments to workers who suffer from non-physical ailments such as stress and depression, even if it raises the cost of premiums.

Agree Disagree Undecided

17. Associations representing state and local employees and teachers should be allowed to engage in collective bargaining for wages, benefits and working conditions.

Agree Disagree Undecided

18. The North Carolina General Assembly should repeal the ability of state employees and teachers to authorize the payroll deduction of association dues (dues check-off).

Agree Disagree Undecided

19. Employers in North Carolina should be required to provide paid sick leave to all employees.

Agree Disagree Undecided

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

20. State tax dollars should be used as incentives to entice large companies to locate in North Carolina.

Agree Disagree Undecided

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21. The focus of North Carolina's economic development efforts should be on reducing the corporate income tax rate and improving the overall business climate of the state, rather than providing tax incentives to a limited number of large corporations.

Agree

Disagree

Undecided

ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

22. North Carolina's environmental regulations should be no stricter than applicable federal requirements.

Agree

Disagree

Undecided

23. Toll roads are a necessary part of meeting North Carolina's growing transportation needs.

Agree

Disagree

Undecided

CIVIL JUSTICE

24. It is important for a jury in a civil lawsuit to be informed of health insurance and disability insurance payments already received by a plaintiff before deciding on an award in the case.

Agree

Disagree

Undecided

25. If there are multiple defendants in a negligence case and one or more of the defendants is unable to pay their share of the damages, the defendant or defendants who can pay should have to pay for 100 percent of the damages awarded.

Agree

Disagree

Undecided

26. The North Carolina General Assembly should repeal the state's "contributory negligence" law (which prohibits an injured person from collecting damages if the person contributed to his or her own injury) and replace it with "comparative fault" (which allows an injured person the potential to collect damages, depending upon the percentage of fault that is attributable to the person).

Agree

Disagree

Undecided

GOVERNANCE

27. The state legislature should expand the authority of cities and counties to impose a broader range of taxes and fees at the local level.

Agree

Disagree

Undecided

If you agree, which of the following taxes or fees would you favor? (Circle all of those that apply)

local sales tax local income tax development impact fees real estate transfer tax prepared meals tax

Other taxes or fees (please list): _____

28. North Carolina should continue to operate under Dillon's Rule, a legal doctrine providing that municipalities and counties possess only those powers and authorities expressly granted to them by the North Carolina Constitution or the State Legislature.

Agree

Disagree

Undecided

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29. The North Carolina Constitution should be amended to allow voters the ability to add referenda to the statewide ballot after collecting a required minimum number of signatures (i.e., initiative and referendum).

Agree Disagree Undecided

30. A nonpartisan redistricting commission should be established to draw North Carolina's congressional and state legislative district maps following the 2010 Census.

Agree Disagree Undecided

31. The North Carolina Constitution should be amended to establish specific limitations on the length of legislative sessions in North Carolina (session limits).

Agree Disagree Undecided

32. State legislative leaders (the President Pro Tempore of the N.C. Senate and the Speaker of the N.C. House) should be limited to serving no more than two consecutive terms at a time.

Agree Disagree Undecided

33. Judges in North Carolina should be appointed by the Governor instead of elected by the people.

Agree Disagree Undecided

EDUCATION

34. State lawmakers should increase taxes in North Carolina in order to raise teacher pay to the national average.

Agree Disagree Undecided

35. The N.C. General Assembly should grant local school boards independent taxing authority.

Agree Disagree Undecided

36. The North Carolina General Assembly should repeal the law requiring public schools to start the school year no earlier than August 25 and instead allow classes to begin in early August even if such a change would negatively impact the state's tourism industry.

Agree Disagree Undecided

BANKING & FINANCE

37. The government should take a greater role in establishing rates and prices for financial products and services.

Agree Disagree Undecided

38. It is necessary for the North Carolina General Assembly to increase regulations on the financial services industry in order to protect the interests of consumers.

Agree Disagree Undecided



TO: Candidates for the North Carolina General Assembly

FROM: John L. Rustin, Executive Director
North Carolina FreeEnterprise Foundation

DATE: May 18, 2010

RE: **2010 Candidate Questionnaire**
Please complete and return by Friday, June 11, 2010

Congratulations on your decision to seek the opportunity to serve the State of North Carolina and the constituents of your district in the North Carolina General Assembly!

The North Carolina FreeEnterprise Foundation (NCFEF) is a statewide non-partisan, non-profit research and education organization that conducts extensive research and analysis of the state's political arena and provides that information to the business community and the public at large.

Through our candidate survey process, we provide those seeking elected office in North Carolina the opportunity to communicate their perspectives and positions on a wide variety of business-related issues to North Carolina's business community and citizens across the state. In turn, thousands of business and industry leaders and many more of the state's voters will review the information you provide and utilize that information to learn about your candidacy and prepare themselves for the election season ahead.

In addition to responding to the questions in the enclosed questionnaire, we invite you to provide additional explanations or comments for your answers on a separate sheet of paper if you feel the answer options provided do not fully or accurately reflect your position or opinion. Your questionnaire response and any additional comments will be made available to the public on the North Carolina FreeEnterprise Foundation website at www.ncfef.org.

We are aware of the likelihood that you have been inundated with questionnaires and surveys since you filed for office, and we encourage you to give this questionnaire high priority. Again, your questionnaire response will be viewed by thousands of business and industry leaders and many more voters in your district and across the state.

Once you have completed the NCFEF's 2010 Candidate Questionnaire, please return it by the June 11 deadline:

- **by mail in the enclosed envelope;**
- **by fax to (919) 896-8349; or**
- **by email to: info@ncfef.org**

If you have any questions, please contact me at (919) 896-8347 or by email at: jrustin@ncfef.org.

Thank you for your time and participation!

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SECTION IV. OPEN-ENDED QUESTION

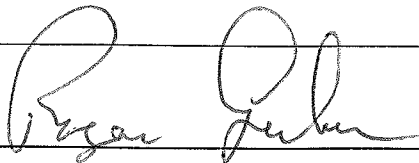
Statewide surveys indicate the top issue on the minds of voters in North Carolina is the economy and jobs. With that in mind, please explain your vision for economic growth and job creation.

Limit public sector spending by putting a cap on the state budget.

I will propose, support and vote for legislation that asks voters to pass a constitutional amendment that permanently caps state spending at 5% of the state's private sector GDP.

Will also support reducing the corporate tax rate.

Candidate Signature:
(signature required)



Date: June 4, 2010

Please return completed questionnaire: by mail: NCFEF, P.O. Box 12406, Raleigh, NC 27605
by fax: (919) 896-8349
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