

North Carolina Free Enterprise Foundation
2010 Questionnaire
Candidates for United States Congress

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by March 19 Deadline

SECTION I. Candidate Personal Profile Information

Name: William (B.S.) Lawson Office Sought (circle): Senate House District #: 4
Party (circle): Democratic Republican Other: _____
Address: 8737 Castleberry Rd City: Apex State: NC Zip: 27523
County of Residence: Wake Length of Residence in County: 8 yrs
Home Phone: 919.367.0360 Work Phone: 919.924.1662 Mobile Phone: Same
Email: bjelawsonforcongress.com Fax: _____
Gender: M Race/Ethnicity: Human Religion: Religious
Place of Birth (city/state): Plantation / FL Date of Birth: 3/30/79
Marital Status (circle): Married Single Divorced Separated Number of Children: 2
Occupation: Medical software entrepreneur Employer: None
Military Service: None High School: Lakeview High School, Lakeview FL
Colleges/Universities Attended: Duke Engineering, Duke Medical School
Degrees: BSE 96 MD 2000
Previous Elected/Appointed Offices: None

SECTION II. Candidate Campaign Information

Name of Campaign Committee: Lawson for Congress
Campaign Email: bjelawsonforcongress.com Campaign Website: lawsonforcongress.com
Campaign Phone: 919.434.3197 Campaign Fax: N/A
Campaign Address: 2731 NC Highway 55 #231 City: Cony State: NC Zip: 27511
Campaign Treasurer: Amen Johnson Campaign Treasurer Phone: 919.362.0841
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	Unlikely	Very Unlikely
A. North Carolina Advocates for Justice (formerly the Academy of Trial Lawyers)	1	2	3	5
B. Medical Groups (ex. Doctors, Hospital Administrators)	1	2	3	5
C. Banking & Finance Industry	1	2	3	5
D. Utility/Telecommunications Companies	1	2	3	5
E. Real Estate & Construction Industry	1	2	3	5
F. Labor Unions	1	2	3	5
G. Retail/Wholesale Businesses	1	2	3	5
H. State Employees Association of N.C. (SEANC)	1	2	3	5
I. Insurance Industry	1	2	3	5
J. N.C. Association of Educators (NCAE)	1	2	3	5
K. Business Professionals (ex. Architects, Accountants, Engineers)	1	2	3	5
L. Transportation Industry	1	2	3	5
M. Agri-business Interests	1	2	3	5
N. Legislative Leadership Committees	1	2	3	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)

Anti-Tax groups, Second Amendment groups

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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.

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 federal taxes paid by North Carolina business and industry 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

Cofounded MercuryMD Inc in 2000, sold in 2006 to Thomson Corp (now Thomson Reuters). Grew to 70 employees + ~\$10MM revenue here in RTP.

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

Too Strict About Right Too Lenient Undecided

Regulatory framework is broken, too

often focus on process instead of outcomes, too often ignores property rights

5. Do you believe reducing taxes on businesses will stimulate economic activity resulting in the creation of more jobs and increased tax revenue? instead of protecting property rights.

Yes No Undecided

6. Do you believe reducing taxes on businesses will reduce tax revenues and cause substantial harm to critical government programs and services?

Yes No Undecided

7. Do you believe the United States Congress should increase the minimum wage?

Yes No Undecided

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8. Do you believe the U.S. Congress should enact "Cap and Trade" legislation that would enable government agencies to cap the amount of emissions a company may produce or require that company to purchase credits if it exceeds the government-set emissions limitation?

Yes No Undecided

9. Do you believe a limit should be imposed on the amount of damages a jury can award to a plaintiff beyond the actual monetary loss incurred by the plaintiff?

Yes No Undecided

10. Do you believe offshore energy exploration should take place off of the coast of North Carolina?

Yes No Undecided

11. Do you believe a nonpartisan redistricting commission should be established to draw North Carolina's congressional and state legislative district maps following the 2010 Census?

Yes No Undecided

12. Do you believe secret ballot voting during union organizing elections should be eliminated?

Yes No Undecided

13. Do you believe employers, employees and organized labor should be subject to binding arbitration in order to determine the wages and benefits an employer must provide for its employees?

Yes No Undecided

14. Do you believe the government should take a greater role in establishing rates and prices for financial products and services? *The government (essentially the Federal Reserve) needs*

Yes No Undecided *to stop setting interest rates, and let rates be driven by market forces.*

15. Do you believe it is necessary for the U.S. Congress to increase regulations on the financial services industry in order to protect the interests of consumers?

Yes No Undecided *If we are unable to embrace a free market for money and interest*

(Please proceed to Section IV. Open-Ended Questions)

rates, then the Federal Reserve and banking system need aggressive regulation - with an actual free market for money rates, however, and without the moral hazard of deposit insurance, we would need FAR less (if any) regulation.

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As a physician, it is clear to me that the federal government needs to leave health care. Its influence in health care beginning during World War II has done nothing but disrupt, and finally destroy, the doctor/patient relationship.

Health care reform measures in the short term must focus on giving control back to individual patients and providers, and reducing the influence of insurance companies/ third party payers and government bureaucrats.

A true health care reform plan must contain the following in order to ensure the utmost in patient care, which should be the goal:

- transfer of economic power from government and insurance bureaucracies to individual patients through funding tax-free health care savings accounts
- competition and price transparency among providers to offer innovative care at lower prices
- high-risk pools for patients with pre-existing conditions
- eliminating regulations that increase the costs of care for doctors and hospitals, and;
- insurance and tort reforms to focus caregivers on patient safety and stop junk lawsuits.

Transferring economic power to individual patients will be the single best way to reduce fraud and abuse, and encourage competition to increase availability of quality care.

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Forces within our nation have been working tirelessly to centralize our economy, regulate every facet of our lives, and make our federal government bigger and more invasive than ever before. As government has grown, our freedom to create, innovate, build, and profit has diminished.

As a medical software entrepreneur, I understand how difficult it is to grow businesses and create jobs when we spend more time serving our government than we do serving our customers. I will work to take our nation on a different road -- one that leads to less government, more freedom, and keeping more money and resources locally to create our own businesses and jobs.

Cut Taxes to Stimulate Job Growth:

We need to reduce the tax burden for businesses and individuals, and eliminate the economic cancer of the IRS and income tax. Our nation survived for more than 100 years without an income tax, and we could fund a constitutional federal government on uniform, non-discriminatory tariffs and excise taxes. The FairTax is one option worth considering. Fixing our tax problem, however, requires that we address our spending problem.

Reduce Spending to Restore Fiscal Balance:

Government spending and national debt have grown exponentially over the past two decades. It is essential that we break our dependence on government borrowing and spending, and return purchasing power and prosperity to our local communities. Building strong local economies requires that we keep our money and resources in our communities, and not rely on a failed "trickle down" policy of government spending that only benefits the politically connected.

Reducing spending demands that we examine our foreign policy, and stop funding nation-building abroad when our infrastructure is falling apart at home. We also must address our entitlement burdens for Medicare and Social Security, which at the moment have two options -- default, massive tax increases, or reducing the purchasing power of benefits through inflation. Since inflation is a form of default, we are really asked to choose between destroying the economy through complete confiscation of our productive activities, or destroying our currency and defaulting on our obligations. Both of these options come with a high likelihood of civil unrest.

We must be honest and admit that our government has made promises that it has no ability to keep. We need to embrace safety nets driven by individual initiative and private charity, and trust in the power of free people to do great things. Free, prosperous people are generous people.

In the immediate term, we need an orderly transition from Medicare to private tax-free health care saving accounts. We also need to look at means testing and retirement age changes for Social Security.

We also need to eliminate unconstitutional federal departments that pick winners and losers in commerce, and inhibit innovation and market forces. Examples include departments of Education, Energy, and Agriculture. These are state and local issues, and central planning at the federal level is expensive and destructive.

Reform the Federal Regulatory Burden:

As we eliminate unconstitutional departments, we will be ridding ourselves of regulations written by unaccountable lobbyists and bureaucrats that protect companies and industries with the best lobbyists, as opposed to those who best serve their customers. We need to reject hypocritical legislation like Sarbanes Oxley, which penalizes honest businesses with compliance costs while the government itself has institutionalized the same off-balance sheet liability frauds that brought down Enron.

These steps would decentralize power, return more economic freedom to our local communities, and allow us to get back to work creating our own jobs and businesses.