

North Carolina FreeEnterprise Foundation
2010 Questionnaire
Candidates for United States Congress

Please complete and return
by March 19 Deadline

SECTION I. Candidate Personal Profile Information

Name: HOWARD COBLE Office Sought (circle): Senate House District #: 6
Address: 5741-L Branblegate Road Party (circle): Democratic Republican Other: _____
~~2000000000~~ City: GREENSBORO State: NC Zip: 27409
County of Residence: GUILFORD Length of Residence in County: 78 YEARS
Home Phone: (336) 852-4574 Work Phone: (202) 225-3065 Mobile Phone: NA
Email: NA Fax: (202) 225-8611
Gender: MALE Race/Ethnicity: WHITE Religion: PRESBYTERIAN
Place of Birth (city/state): GREENSBORO, NC Date of Birth: 03-18-1931
Marital Status (circle): Married Single Divorced Separated Number of Children: 0
Occupation: U.S. House of Representative Employer: _____
Military Service: Coast Guard High School: _____
Colleges/Universities Attended: Appalachian State, Guilford College, UNC School of Law
Degrees: A.B. GUILFORD J.D. UNC-CH
Previous Elected/Appointed Offices: U.S. HOUSE 1984-
N.C. HOUSE 1989; 1979-89

SECTION II. Candidate Campaign Information

Name of Campaign Committee: COBLE FOR CONGRESS
Campaign Email: Cobleforcongress@gmail.com Campaign Website: Cobleforcongress.com
Campaign Phone: (336) 273-3000 Campaign Fax: (336) 273-1235
Campaign Address: PO Box 1177 City: GREENSBORO State: NC Zip: 27402
Campaign Treasurer: William H. Knight Campaign Treasurer Phone: _____
Political Consultants: Morgan Meredith & Associates; Tarrance Group;
Washington Political Group

North Carolina FreeEnterprise Foundation
 2010 Questionnaire
 Candidates for United States Congress

Please complete and return
by March 19 Deadline

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)

*Energy ; pro-life related groups ; 2nd Amendment and
 Sporting/outdoor organizations; Chambers of Commerce;
 NFIB*

North Carolina FreeEnterprise Foundation
2010 Questionnaire
Candidates for United States Congress

Please complete and return
by March 19 Deadline

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

Small Law Office

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

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

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

North Carolina FreeEnterprise Foundation
2010 Questionnaire
Candidates for United States Congress

Please complete and return
by March 19 Deadline

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 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?

Yes No Undecided

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

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

Question One

Health care is very personal and my recommendation for reform is to build on consensus issues and make incremental changes – our system needs a fine tuning, not a complete overhaul.

I believe that some of the consensus issues include: controlling the cost of premiums, eliminating preexisting conditions limitations, incentives for personal responsibility and physical fitness, reducing costs from administrative and legal inefficiencies, closing the doughnut hole, and controlling the cost of Medicare without cutting services.

The government must have an active role in our health care system to ensure it is safe, efficient and serving those most in need. These principles should foster robust incentives for innovation and should ensure there is competition throughout our health care system to ensure that we are receiving the best possible care.

Question Two

We must enact comprehensive tax reform for small business and individuals, so that they have the incentive to invest and grow. The best form of tax incentive is to reduce the tax rate.

We should reduce federal spending, reduce our national debt, and implement a balanced budget requirement.

We are in desperate need of comprehensive energy reform. We cannot afford to rely on other countries for our energy supply. We need to implement a plan to generate affordable and clean energy here in the United States.

We must enforce trade protections against low-cost imports that are manufactured in countries that do not enforce human rights protections, maintain reasonable environmental standards or provide minimal labor protections.

We must work to make America business-friendly so that we can attract future investment and the jobs that usually accompany it.

Our government should not compete against private business and should not bailout failing institutions. The Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) should be wound down as soon as possible and all loans should be collected and used to pay down our debt.

The housing/real estate crisis remains to be an enormous concern. I have introduced legislation that would home purchase tax incentives permanent. These incentives help the housing market and benefit all home owners by stabilizing home values.