

North Carolina FreeEnterprise Foundation
2010 Questionnaire
Candidates for United States Congress

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by March 19 Deadline

SECTION I. Candidate Personal Profile Information

Name: William A (Billy) Yow Office Sought (circle): Senate House District #: 6
 Party (circle): Democratic Republican Other: _____
 Address: 1429 Country Lake Dr City: Greensboro State: NC Zip: 27406
 County of Residence: Guilford Length of Residence in County: 47 years
 Home Phone: 336-674-2149 Work Phone: 336-674-9198 Mobile Phone: 336-382-4885
 Email: _____ Fax: 336-674-6271
 Gender: M Race/Ethnicity: W Religion: BAPTIST
 Place of Birth (city/state): Ashboro / NC Date of Birth: 7/17/62
 Marital Status (circle): Married Single Divorced Separated Number of Children: 2
 Occupation: Owner/Operator Employer: D:Y Well Drilling, Inc
 Military Service: NC National Guard High School: Southern Guilford
 Colleges/Universities Attended: _____
 Degrees: _____
 Previous Elected/Appointed Offices: Guilford County Commission (10 years)

SECTION II. Candidate Campaign Information

Name of Campaign Committee: Yowfor Congress
 Campaign Email: William@wdepriestPA.com Campaign Website: billyyowforcongress.com
 Campaign Phone: 336-676-9800 Campaign Fax: 336-676-8373
 Campaign Address: 1410 Country Lake Dr City: Greensboro State: NC Zip: 27406
 Campaign Treasurer: William Depriest Campaign Treasurer Phone: same
 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)

NO -

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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

owner/operator D.Y. Well Drilling, Inc - 25 years

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

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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 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)

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SECTION IV. OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS

1. A primary focus of the U.S. Congress this past year has been to reform health care and health insurance in the United States. Please briefly explain your recommendations for reform and the roles of the government and private sector in your proposal.

Health Care reform: We should all, just say no thanks. I have no confidence that the government can intervene in any industry and make it more efficient, and cheaper to operate. The health care proposal, I feel, will take a huge chunk out of our democracy and move us one step closer to socialism. I don't believe that is what our founding fathers and our ancestors had in mind when they laid down their lives for America.

I do believe, however, that there needs to be some change in the health care industry. I believe that most people have little or no say in their health care. They have insurance through the Insurance plan their employer chose, take medicine their physician prescribed, and pay whatever the insurance companies tell them to pay. I dare say that most people can't tell you what the true cost of their health care is, most probably don't know what their medications cost. For these reasons, I believe that some oversight is required.

I believe that the providers in the health care industry should be charged with revitalizing the health care industry. We should put together independent industry panels, including a panel of citizens, for each sector of the health care industry to develop a plan that, they believe, can help improve health care. The plan from each of these groups should be passed on to a separate and independent group made up of representatives of each group to review each of the plans and formulate an overall plan for review by Congress. The final plan should outline specific ways the government could help with improving the efficient and economical operation of the health care industry. The involvement of any and all lobbyists must be strictly forbidden. From my standpoint, Tort reform has to be one way that Congress can make a positive impact on the cost of health care. It bothers me that the monetary settlement for getting a cup of coffee accidentally spilled in your lap is many, many times larger than the settlement a surviving spouse will get to raise their family when a soldier falls in service of his county.

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2. 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.

Jobs: The current unemployment rate is the highest it has been in many, many years. To get Americans back to work, we have to put policies in place that provide capital to businesses so they can grow and expand. We should be investing in the future of business instead of handing out money. Instead of Bailing out businesses that are faltering, we should be providing resources for these businesses to expand and export. We need to stop trying to put short-term "fixes" in place to get past the next election; we need long-term sound investment strategy. Unfortunately, our current employment outlook is not good. I don't think we can resolve this problem by throwing money at it. We are where we are, looking back and trying to place blame is not the answer, we need to look forward.

I believe that we are going to have to expand the unemployment coverage for those Americans that can't find productive employment. However, we need to tie that to the recipients' investment in their future as well through re-training, additional education, and community service. We need to invest in our colleges, universities and community colleges and have them develop these educational and training programs to "re-tool" America and get Americans back to being productive.

Candidate Signature: _____
(signature required)

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Date: _____

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