

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: Greg Newman Office Sought (circle): Senate VS Congress NC-11 House District #: _____
Party (circle): Democratic Republican Other: _____
Address: P.O. Box 868 City: Hendersonville State: NC Zip: _____
County of Residence: Henderson Length of Residence in County: 25 yrs. +
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Email: gregarynewman@bellsouth.net Fax: (828) 693-0454
Gender: M Race/Ethnicity: W Religion: Christian
Place of Birth (city/state): Hendersonville, NC Date of Birth: 11-25-61
Marital Status (circle): Married Single Divorced Separated Number of Children: 3
Occupation: attorney Employer: partner, Blanchard Newman & Blackwell
Military Service: _____ High School: A.C. Reynolds High School
Colleges/Universities Attended: University of NC Asheville, Appalachian State University, University
Degrees: of Dayton Law School, BA Political Science UNCA, J.D. Univ. Dayton Law School
Previous Elected/Appointed Offices: Mayor, City of Hendersonville 2005-2009

SECTION II. Candidate Campaign Information

Name of Campaign Committee: Greg Newman for Congress
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Political Consultants: Brenda Bradshaw, Young Creative

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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)

I am not seeking the endorsement of any special interest groups and have no knowledge of whether the above groups will endorse my campaign. I am only seeking the support of the people of Western North Carolina.

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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

partner law firm Blanchard Newman & Blackwell in Hendersonville, NC

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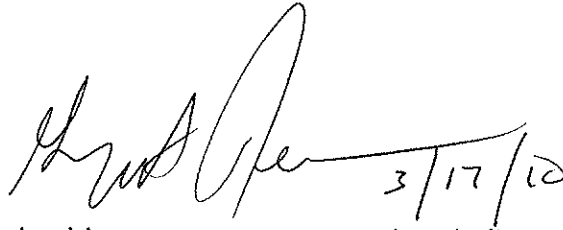
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8. Do you believe the U.S. Congress should enact "Cap and Trade" legislation that would enable government agencies to cap the amount of emissions a company may produce or require that company to purchase credits if it exceeds the government-set emissions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



We desperately need to reform our health care system to control exploding costs, and to make health care more accessible and affordable for all Americans. Health care spending and exploding federal deficits are inextricably linked. As a member of Congress, I will fight for a stronger America, making the tough choices so we will not saddle future generations with a debt so large it will destroy our economy and provide our children with a diminished standard of living from previous generations.

That is why I support a fundamental restructuring of Medicare and Medicaid similar to what Congressman Paul Ryan from Wisconsin has proposed. Nothing short of something similar to Congressman Ryan's approach will provide health care security and reduce our exploding deficits. For far too long, Democrats and Republicans have said the right things but they have failed to make the tough decisions to avoid an impending financial disaster.

I will work to save Medicare and Medicaid from bankruptcy. These programs need to change the way they pay for medical services so they do not incentivize health care providers from ordering more procedures and tests than are necessary. The federal government should pay not just for the quantity of medical services provided but instead for the quality and outcomes. Placing these programs on a firm financial foundation and establishing a payment system which covers the true cost for efficient medical providers will benefit all of those using health care services.

Competition in health care should be encouraged which includes allowing for purchase of health insurance across state lines. We need insurance plans available for people of all different economic levels. The federal health plans, which are available to members of Congress, should be made available to the public for purchase. Americans should be able to purchase pharmaceuticals prescribed by their doctor from overseas just like they are free to purchase any other product.

The current health care debate in Washington has been devoid of debate regarding the cost of prescription medications, the cost of services rendered by doctors, hospitals, and other providers, and frivolous lawsuits. As a percentage of our economy, the United States already spends more on health care than most other developed countries. We need innovative practices to reduce costs instead of the Democrats trillion dollar health plan.

As a member of Congress, I will demand that all negotiations regarding health care reform occur in public with complete transparency. The first priority must be cost control and reduction of health care costs so the health care system is sustainable and the later priority

should be expanding health care access to all Americans. There must be true legal liability reform so health care providers will not order additional tests and procedures. This adds unnecessarily to the cost without improving quality. While I do not have all the solutions to reforming our health care system, I would enthusiastically vote against the current health care bill in Congress that will add billions in taxes, cuts to Medicare, and trillions in additional debt without attacking the fundamental causes of health care inflation.

I firmly believe that health care decisions should be made by the patient, their family, and their doctor, without undue government interference. Every American should control their health care decisions instead of the government or insurance companies. If everyone had the information available to understand their wellness and treatment options and the true cost of their care, health care cost inflation will decrease dramatically. Unfortunately, our traditional third party payment structure encourages wasteful use of precious resources often without improved benefit to the patient. Congressman Ryan's plan will address many of these challenges without adding billions in more taxes and trillions in debt.

II. Economic Growth and Job Creation

Our nation is facing the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. Many counties in Western North Carolina have unemployment rates exceeding 15% and Graham County remains the highest unemployment rate in the state with over 17% of all workers out of a job. I am running for Congress because I am fed up and our government must adopt more employer friendly policies so my children will be able to support their families and enjoy a comfortable standard of living. Congress is spending hundreds of billions of dollars and adding trillions in debt at an alarming rate. If the spending continues, in less than ten years interest on the national debt will be the largest federal expenditure, exceeding the amount budgeted for Medicare/Medicaid, Social Security, and the Department of Defense.

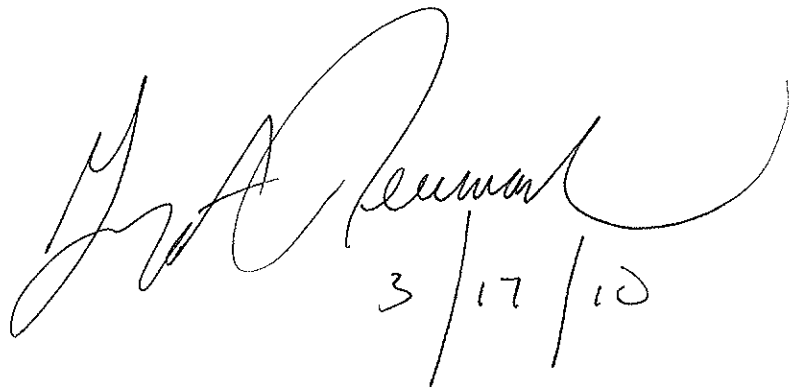
Because we lack decent job opportunities even in good economic times in Western North Carolina, our young people must move away to places like Atlanta, Charlotte, and Raleigh Durham. For our economy in WNC to be truly sustainable, we must provide opportunities here to allow our young people to come back to work here. As a member of Congress, I want to lead the renewal of American manufacturing and technical jobs which provide a comfortable standard of living.

Unfortunately, the current Congress seems preoccupied with increasing union participation through union card check, climate control legislation that will increase the cost of doing business for all enterprises, and spending trillions of dollars we do not have saddling future generations with an unsustainable debt burden. All of these policies are job killers and will

result in future generations having less economic opportunities than we have enjoyed in the past.

That is why I am running for Congress. I will oppose any legislation that adds unnecessary costs on our businesses. I support plans similar to those proposed by Congressman Paul Ryan of Wisconsin to address unsustainable entitlement programs, restructure our tax system to encourage savings, investment, and job creation, and provide health and retirement security to all Americans. If we fail to aggressively address these challenges, in a decade the largest federal expenditure will be interest on the national debt, our government will not have the resources to meet our basic education and infrastructure needs, and businesses will face ever increasing tax burdens to maintain a broken system.

Americans are the most innovative and resourceful people in the world and if we meet these challenges, we can lead the world in technology, entrepreneurship, and job creation. As a member of Congress, I will bring together private sector business and government leaders at all levels in Western North Carolina to determine what we can do county by county to provide additional opportunities for existing businesses and recruit new companies to the mountains. As mayor of Hendersonville, I worked diligently with our economic development officials to improve our economy and as a member of Congress, I will bring that real world experience to Washington to help every county in Western North Carolina. We are in a time when we must begin attacking our problems in new and creative ways in order to carry a higher standard of living with us into the future. Albert Einstein defined insanity as "doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results." We must chart a new course and that is why I am running for Congress.



Handwritten signature of Gregory A. Newman, dated 3/17/10.

GREGORY A. NEWMAN
REPUBLICAN FOR CONGRESS