

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

Please complete and return  
by March 19 Deadline

**SECTION I. Candidate Personal Profile Information**

Name: Richard Burr Office Sought (circle) Senate House District #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Party (circle): Democratic Republican Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: 2150 Country Club Rd City: Winston-Salem State: NC Zip: 27104  
County of Residence: Forsyth Length of Residence in County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (336) 777-1170 Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: Richard@burrforSenate.com Fax: (336) 773-0198  
Gender: Male Race/Ethnicity: Caucasian Religion: \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of Birth (city/state): Charlottesville / VA Date of Birth: 11/30/55  
Marital Status (circle): Married Single Divorced Separated Number of Children: 2  
Occupation: United States Senator Employer: United States Senate  
Military Service: \_\_\_\_\_ High School: R.J. Reynolds High School  
Colleges/Universities Attended: Wake Forest University  
Degrees: B.A.  
Previous Elected/Appointed Offices: U.S. House of Representatives 1995-2004  
U.S. Senate 2005 - present

**SECTION II. Candidate Campaign Information**

Name of Campaign Committee: The Richard Burr Committee  
Campaign Email: campaign@burrforSenate.com Campaign Website: www.burrforSenate.com  
Campaign Phone: (336) 777-1170 Campaign Fax: (336) 773-0198  
Campaign Address: 2150 County Club Rd City: Winston-Salem State: NC Zip: 27104  
Campaign Treasurer: Timothy Clifton Campaign Treasurer Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Political Consultants: Paul Schumaker

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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)

Tax reform organizations - "tax payer HERO" - CITIZENS  
Against Government Waste

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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

National sales Manager for Carswell wholesale  
distribution company.

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

Yes      No      Undecided      *see additional info below*

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      *see addendum*

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

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Section III Addendum

Q10. I support a state's right to decide whether or not to develop energy resources off their coast, whether that is wind, wave, or oil and natural gas. I am committed to moving the regulatory process forward to that states can effectively develop and manage these resources and believe states should receive a share of the federal royalties from offshore energy production.

Q15. As the financial crisis made clear, our current regulatory structures are in need of modernization. However, I believe it is critical that Congress carefully evaluate and consider all proposed changes to ensure that they do not result in unintended consequences for financial institutions and consumers. Rather than rush through a reform agenda that has not been fully evaluated, I believe Congress has a responsibility to all consumers that changes do not result in fewer choices or higher costs for consumers and taxpayers.

Section IV

1. Health Care reform – On December 24, 2009, the United States Senate passed the latest version of the health care bill, HR 3590, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, by a vote of 60 to 39. I spoke out in opposition to and voted against the bill because I do not believe the legislation – which would drastically increase federal spending, raise taxes, impose unconstitutional mandates, and cut Medicare – is the right prescription for patients, taxpayers, or the health care system.

As a United States Senator, I have long believed that reform of our current health care system is necessary. However, health care reform should not mean a government takeover of our current system. I believe there is a better way to approach reform that would reduce health care costs and make insurance more affordable. In fact, in May 2009, Senator Tom Coburn and I introduced the Patients Choice Act (S. 1099) in the Senate. This bill provides our vision of what we believe is a responsible approach to health care reform.

- Put affordable coverage and choice within reach of all Americans. The Patients Choice Act would rewrite the tax code to provide tax credits for people who purchase health insurance. These tax credits would allow anyone to purchase insurance or reduce the cost of insurance they get through their employer. By reforming our tax code instead of creating an expensive, expansive, and new government program, we can give everybody a flat, fair credit to buy private insurance coverage without spending more or increasing taxes or debt.

- Guarantee access to coverage for those with pre-existing conditions. Our bill would end the practice of “cherry picking,” where insurance companies choose to cover only healthy patients by denying those with pre-existing conditions. It would adjust risk across insurance companies through a State Based Health Exchange, which would be a voluntary, one-stop marketplace of insurance plans. These state exchanges, which would be open to all Americans, would offer a broad range of plans. If you purchase your health insurance through this exchange, you cannot be denied because of a pre-existing condition. This is because insurers who do cherry pick healthy patients would be penalized, and those that cover patients with pre-existing conditions and emphasize prevention and chronic disease management would be rewarded.
- Reduce health care costs through tort reform, portability, and prevention. To reduce costs, we should take steps to curb frivolous medical malpractice lawsuits, to allow Americans to buy health insurance across state lines, and to reward healthier lifestyles and chronic disease management. Addressing these three issues is the only true way to reduce the cost of health care in America.

2. The Economy and Jobs – As North Carolinians know all too well, our economy continues to face enormous challenges. People and employers are still having a difficult time securing credit – credit that allows them to make large purchases, buy equipment, invest for the future, and fund daily business operations. As a result, many businesses have gone under or are struggling to stay afloat, workers have lost their jobs and their livelihoods, and families continue to hear the brunt of the economic storm. I believe that the top priority for Congress should be getting our economy going again.

Unfortunately, last year’s economic stimulus bill – which cost taxpayers nearly a trillion dollars in expanded government programs and projects – was not the right approach to solving our economic problems. That’s why I voted against it. Our state’s double digit unemployment rates and the call for even more stimulus bills are proof that the previous one was a very expensive failure for taxpayers – and a missed opportunity for workers and employers.

Rather than pour more taxpayer dollars into programs and jobs that are tied to and supported by the government and for the government, I believe we need to be focusing on big-picture ideas that will actually provide the foundation for an economic environment that spurs the private sector innovation and investment needed to sustain long-term economic growth and good paying jobs.

I believe game changing ideas, like fundamental tax reform and responsible domestic energy production, are keys to meeting this goal. Our current, overly complex tax system punishes work and savings, has very high compliance costs, and rewards those special interests and lobbyists who are

able to insert tax breaks that just benefit themselves. This is not fair, and its not good for our economy. That's why I believe the time has come for proposals like the Fair Tax or other tax reforms that would increase the savings and investment needed to fuel economic growth and job creation.

Access to reliable, predictable supplies of domestic energy is key to economic growth, and is critical for both manufacturing and information technology, just as stopping the massive outflow of national wealth needed to purchase foreign supplies of energy is critical to our national security. Domestic natural gas supplies, nuclear power, and the continued development of wind, solar, and other alternative sources will allow us to address both challenges.

To help North Carolina specifically, I have hosted economic development workshops and summits focused on small business development, entrepreneurship, community colleges, and other related topics throughout the state. These workshops are designed to promote economic development and to make North Carolina competitive and an attractive place to invest. Since 2005, I have hosted 17 separate events focused on some aspect of economic development.