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Virginia Congressional District 10
Description:
Elected to a two-year term each U. S. Representative serves the people of a specific Congressional district by introducing bills, serving on committees, and providing constituent services among other duties. The annual salary of each Representative is $174,000. Virginia has eleven Congressional districts.
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Candidates (choose 1):
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Questions:
Q: *What policies and resources do you propose to ensure election integrity and security in the United States?*
A: - no response -
Q: *What policies such as tariffs, taxes, tax cuts, etc. do you propose to promote economic security for all Americans?*
A: - no response -
Q: *What is your position on using a citizenship question in the 2020 Census Survey?*
A: - no response -
Q: *What are your proposals for an immigration policy?*
A: - no response -
Q: *What do you propose to ensure high quality, affordable and accessible health care for all Americans?*
A: - no response -
Q: *What policies do you propose to reduce gun violence in the United States?*
A: - no response -
Q: *What are your legislative priorities?*
A: - no response -

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Questions:
Q#1: *What policies and resources do you propose to ensure election integrity and security in the United States?*

A: Attacks on the integrity of our elections are an existential threat to American democracy and there is every reason to believe that bad actors like Russia will continue similar assaults in the 2018 election. Advertisements on social media sites like Facebook and Twitter need to contain disclaimer information and be subject to stronger vetting requirements to prevent the spread of fake news and propaganda. In other countries, Russia has hacked elections by tampering with voter rolls and voting machines. States and localities need to ensure that the software they use to administer elections is up to date and secure.

Q#2: *What policies such as tariffs, taxes, tax cuts, etc. do you propose to promote economic security for all Americans?*

A: I believe we need to create an economy that works for everyone, not just those at the top. Wages and benefits are not keeping pace with costs. In the State Senate, I voted in favor of several measures that would raise the minimum wage, and have introduced legislation that would ensure women doing the same job as men receive equal pay and employment benefits. I also introduced legislation that would have established Paid Medical Leave in Virginia. As our state and our nation evolve from an industrial to a technology-based economy, our workers must be prepared for the jobs of the future, not those of the past. I support increased investments in career and vocational training, and retraining for those who have been displaced from the workforce. In Congress, I will support increasing wages and salaries, establishing paid family and medical leave programs nationwide, revitalizing America's middle-class, and protecting and expanding workers' rights.

Q#3: *What is your position on using a citizenship question in the 2020 Census Survey?*

A: I strongly oppose having a citizenship question on the 2020 Census. The census is determines how and where federal resources and electoral districts are distributed and drawn. The Trump Administration's inclusion of a citizenship question is designed to cause fear among immigrant communities. As a result, they will likely be underreported, and therefore underserved and underrepresented.

Q#4: *What are your proposals for an immigration policy?*

A: America is a nation of immigrants and my family is among those who came here seeking freedom, safety, and opportunity. Rather than working together to find bipartisan policies that will improve our immigration system, the President and Congressional Republicans are promoting fear-mongering tactics, like raids and roundups, against immigrants. As State Senator, I have consistently voted against and spoken out against Republican attempts to stigmatize immigrants, including their anti-Sharia legislation, and legislation that would have required Virginia to track and report on the location of refugees who resettle here. I believe Congress needs to pass comprehensive immigration reform that includes a pathway to citizenship for immigrant families, protects DREAMers and their futures, and shuts down inhumane private detention centers.

Q#5: *What do you propose to ensure high quality, affordable and accessible health care for all Americans?*

A: I believe access to affordable healthcare is a right for all Americans. In the State Senate, I have fought alongside fellow Democrats to expand Medicaid to the more than 300,000 hardworking Virginians who fall in the coverage gap, and to bring over $10 billion back to Virginia's economy. I have fought for a woman's right to make her own healthcare decisions and to more easily access reproductive and contraceptive m services. I have also been a champion for mental health reform and combating the heroin and

opioid crisis in Virginia. In Congress, I will fight to protect coverage for those with preexisting conditions, eliminate lifetime caps, fund the Children's Health Insurance Program, and keep Medicare and Medicaid strong and accessible. I support allowing the Federal government to negotiate prescription drug prices, and am open to exploring the feasibility of plans like Tim Kaine's Medicare X which would allow any person to buy a health care plan from Medicare at a reasonable cost.

Q#6: *What policies do you propose to reduce gun violence in the United States?*

A: I am a strong advocate for gun violence prevention and have consistently fought for common sense legislation to keep our communities safe. In the State Senate, I have championed and voted for bills that would establish universal background checks and close the gun show loophole, ban bumpstocks, mandate the reporting of lost and stolen firearms, and keep firearms out of the hands of domestic abusers and those convicted of stalking. In Congress, I will support legislation that expands mandatory background checks on gun purchases, closes loopholes that allow criminals to purchase firearms, establishes a ban on sales of military-style assault weapons and high-capacity magazines, and not only allows the federal government to study gun violence as a public health issue, but also gives them the resources to do so. I am honored to be a Mom's Demand Action candidate of distinction and also be the candidate endorsed by the Coalition to Stop Gun Violence for my work in Richmond.

Q#7: *What are your legislative priorities?*

A: In the State Senate, I have always been in the minority party, but have found bipartisan success with legislation that helps kids and families. I've written and passed laws that make our children safer in daycares and online, combat the heroin and opioid crisis, help ease traffic congestion, and get much-needed resources to victims of domestic violence. In Congress, my legislative priorities will always be guided by my core values. I believe that our role as leaders is to do the most good for the most people. I believe that leaders must be accountable to those they seek to represent. I believe that every child deserves a world-class public education, no matter their zip code. I believe that no one should face discrimination because of the god they worship or whom they love. I believe that access to affordable, quality health care is a right, not a privilege. And I believe that it shouldn't be easier to buy a gun than it is to vote.