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Dear Ms. Cobb:

Thank you for your interest in my campaign. As per the instructions that you provided, I have completed the enclosed candidate issue survey.

However, I would be remiss not to briefly elaborate on my responses to policy proposal Nos. 21 and 34.

My view on policy proposal No. 21: *“Prohibit abortion from where medical science determines an unborn child can feel pain (presently 20-22 weeks).”*

Unfortunately, the problem with such a proposal is that it would neglect the moral sovereignty of those who are excluded from the stated qualification, where medical science determines that the unborn child “can feel pain.” Simply put, human life is human life, whether it is able to feel pain or not.

And it should be noted, by the way, that abortion is already fully prohibited by constitutional law, on both the state and federal level. The problem we face is that the politicians of both political parties choose to ignore this prohibition.

As I see it, the Governor of Virginia, serving as chief executive, is both obligated and empowered under the Fourteenth Amendment (Section 1) of the Constitution of the United States, and is granted the power and authority under the Executive Power clause, Article V, Section 1, of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia [and several statutes within the Code of Virginia could be cited as well], to reaffirm and re-establish Virginia's commitment to protecting the constitutional rights of those in the womb, by Executive Order.

All it would take is the official publication of a provisional mandate from the Governor, declaring that no further action be taken by the Commonwealth that would support, aid, or abet anyone who deliberately takes the life of another human being, born or unborn.

Just as our former Governor Charles T. O’Ferrall is said to have worked vigorously during his tenure (in the late 19th Century) to stamp out the practice of lynching, our current Governor needs to awaken from his political slumber and show the same level of resolve in opposing the practice of abortion.

To ensure compliance, I would even go so far as to suggest that the Executive Order include a specific order, directing every state official or agency having the power to arrest, the sheriffs of counties, the police officials of cities and towns, and any other local law-enforcement officer or conservator of the peace having the power to arrest for a felony, to take into custody anyone who violates the law in this regard, in accordance with all of the existing requirements of the Virginia Code.

The problem is not that new laws are needed. The problem is that we keep electing these politicians who refuse to enforce the law. Both political parties are guilty of neglecting the moral sovereignty of those in the womb. And yet, for some untold reason, we keep on supporting the chosen candidates of these parties, and we keep on electing them to office.

My view on policy proposal No. 34: *“Prohibit state funding of all low-income elective abortions consistent with the federal Hyde amendment.”*

Similar to my view on policy proposal No. 21, the unfortunate problem with this one is that it would neglect the rights of those who are *ill-conceived* or *misbegotten*.

Since 1993, the Hyde amendment has included a “rape or incest” exemption, which I find completely unacceptable. If we truly hope to restore the moral sovereignty of our nation, we must return to an understanding of justice that recognizes the equity of all persons before the law, and that seeks to render equal and exact justice to all, in a way that would be consistent with America’s founding principles.

As it stands, there are many politicians who have made it their business to suppress the role of government in this regard, especially when the issue of abortion is involved. Their campaign literature is often riddled with some of the most dreadful proclamations of prejudice, where the peculiar demand is made that we take into account the very circumstance by which the lives of certain individuals are called into existence. This sort of diabolic reasoning should immediately trigger an alarm in our hearts and minds.

The abortion people are quick to remind us, for instance, that some are conceived in fornication, incest, or assault. Others, they say, are the unwelcome result of an unplanned pregnancy. So long as we live in a world where we are faced with such tragic variables, and where there also exists the possibility of lifelong illness or some other debilitating handicap, they contend, the worth and dignity of human life – *especially life in the womb* – is relatively negligible.

In probate law, the right to inheritance has sometimes been withheld or neglected on the

basis of such circumstances. And in this respect, it is true that the law sometimes does not take notice of those who are *ill-conceived* or *misbegotten*.

The right to life itself, however, has absolutely nothing to do with inheritance rights. The signers of the Declaration of Independence understood it, instead, to be an *inalienable* right— a right that could neither be given away nor taken away. When this right was first codified in the Constitution of the United States, under the Bill of Rights (1791) [The Fifth Amendment], it was stated that no person shall be deprived of life without due process of law. The Fourteenth Amendment (Section 1), passed in 1868, goes a step further, giving each State the power – and also the *obligation* – to defend and protect innocent human life.

The Bible offers some principles insights on this subject as well. Where the most hardened advocates of abortion suggest that the lives of those conceived in “rape or incest” ought to be considered the least equitable of all human life, the Scriptures candidly affirm that even those begotten in dire woe awaken from the womb, as each of us do, in joyful clarity.

On top of all this, we also happen to know that subjecting a woman to abortion following “rape or incest” adds injury upon injury— the second injury, of course, being the result of state-imposed legislative enactments designed specifically to take life, rather than preserve it.

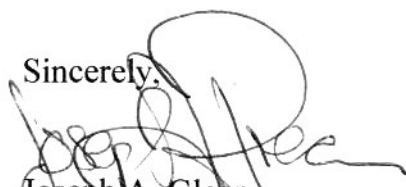
Legislators should not be in the business of passing laws that result in further victimization for our women and children, and since the provisions of the Hyde amendment result in wrongful death and injury, by forceful and direct political engineering, I’m afraid that I would not be willing to support any proposal that is modeled from it, at least in its current form.

At any rate, please find my response to your survey enclosed.

Though we might not agree on the particulars of every single issue, the key is that we continue to work toward true, conservative solutions that are consistent with America’s founding principles.

I thank you for your interest in helping Virginia to restore these principles, and for helping to keep the voters informed of where the candidates stand on the issues that matter most to the future of our commonwealth.

Sincerely,



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The Family Foundation 2011 Candidate Survey

Please respond to the following policy proposals in a way that most accurately predicts the vote you would cast in the General Assembly. Remember, you will have three choices as a member of the state General Assembly and you will not have an opportunity to extrapolate or qualify your answers. Your response may be faxed to (804) 343 - 0050. If the survey is not returned by Friday, September 9, 2011 at 5:00 p.m., The Family Foundation reserves the right to use voting records, campaign literature, public statements and website material. The Family Foundation may also choose to use the platform of the party by which you were nominated to educate voters. Please be sure to sign the candidate questionnaire.

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Y: Yea N: Nay A/U: Abstain/Undecided

N 1. Add sexual orientation to the list of characteristics (race, age, gender, etc.) that prohibit state government agencies from discriminating in their employment practices.

Y 2. Update Virginia's Informed Consent on abortion law by requiring abortion providers in Virginia to perform an ultrasound and offer the mother an opportunity to view the ultrasound prior to performing an abortion.

Y 3. Support an amendment to the state Constitution protecting religious liberty.

N 4. Create voluntary, universal pre-K for all children between the ages of 4 and 6.

N 5. Expand gambling in Virginia by allowing for betting on historical horse racing.

Y 6. Make it a crime to coerce a woman into having an abortion through force, threat or intimidation.

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Y 7. Protect the religious liberty rights of private, faith-based adoption organizations allowing them to determine what is in the best of the child.

Y 8. Provide a tax credit to families who send their children to non-public schools.

Y 9. Prohibit embryonic stem cell research in privately funded research facilities.

Y 10. Require by law abortion clinics to adhere to the same safety standards as other outpatient surgical facilities.

N 11. Increase gas tax to fund transportation.

Y 12. Eliminate state funding for private organizations that perform abortions.

Y 13. Maintain state funding of abstinence-centered education programs.

N 14. Require private and home-school students to take the Standards of Learning tests currently administered in public schools.

Y 15. Require public schools to receive consent from parents prior to their children participating in non-curricular after school activities.

N 16. Repeal the marriage amendment, passed by the voters by referenda in 2006.

Y 17. Ban taxpayer funding of research that requires the destruction of human embryos.

Y 18. Provide a tax credit to individuals or corporations for donations made to scholarship foundations that give scholarships to students toward tuition at private schools.

Y 19. Require doctors that perform abortions to have admitting privileges at a local, accredited hospital.

N 20. Require Pregnancy Resource Centers that do not provide or refer for abortions to be regulated by the Commonwealth.

N 21. Prohibit abortion from where medical science determines an unborn child can feel pain (presently 20-22 weeks).

Y 22. Regarding in vitro fertilization, limit the number of embryos implanted to the same number fertilized, up to a maximum of 3.

Y 23. Provide a cause of action for women when they are not provided legally required informed consent prior to an abortion.

N 24. Allow two cohabitating individuals to jointly adopt children.

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Y 25. Improve Virginia's eminent domain law to protect the property rights of private citizens in light of the Supreme Court's *Kelo* decision by passing a state Constitutional amendment (2nd year).

Y 26. Require medical doctors to report to the Department of Health medical complications or deaths resulting from abortion procedures.

N 27. Add sexual orientation to the characteristics (race, age, gender, etc.) protected by Virginia's "hate crimes" statute.

N 28. Allow local governments to offer domestic partner benefits to their employees.

Y 29. Require the state to presume (notwithstanding contrary, case-specific factors) that in child custody cases an award of joint, equal custody is in the best interest of the child.

Y 30. Require school districts to direct at least 65 percent of their budgets directly to the classroom.

Y 31. Require mutual consent by both spouses to receive a no-fault divorce when minor children are involved.

Y 32. Add unborn children to Virginia's wrongful death statute.

Y 33. Require a sunset date on all bills that add new taxes or increase existing taxes.

N 34. Prohibit state funding of all low-income elective abortions consistent with the federal Hyde amendment.

Y 35. Increase the divorce waiting period from 1 year to 2 years when children are involved.

N 36. Add sexual orientation to the list of characteristics (race, age, gender, etc.) prohibiting local Department of Social Service agencies from discriminating against prospective parent(s).

Candidate Signature _____

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