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July 2023

## **GCRC Leadership**

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## **No Thanks**

### **GCRC CHAIR BUDDY BISHOP**

For the local election in Goochland this year, the biggest risk is the successful repair and rebuilding of our school board. However, underpinning this is the Commonwealth's Attorneys race.

As the Republican Committee Chair, I have a job to defend the Republican Brand. That job is made difficult when the State Party Plan allows discord when it comes to endorsements.

When we revised out our plan of organization. It was my intention at the time to make support of committee voted and decided endorsements binding on membership. In working through that it became clear that when challenged, it would not hold up because the party plan can not be altered by a local unit's own plan.

This needs to change for local elections because that's where the problem is. Our committee makes decisions to nominate, endorse, and further, allocate committee resources to these candidates.

Here is what I propose:

"Support of endorsed Independent candidates who are also members in good standing of the local committee shall be binding on committee membership." This clause needs to be in the State Party Plan. But it isn't. And, with the way the SCC is structured, it may not be this century - if ever.

### **So, what is my title: "No Thanks" about?**

I have a big "No Thanks" to Rally Virginia. I find that they've chosen to endorse a functioning democrat for Commonwealth's Attorney in Goochland. I reached out to Rooz Dadabhoy via email on July 24<sup>th</sup> and asked if this was true. Have I been wrong that this group supported Republicans given their emphasis on the Governor?

**...If the endorsement is true, I am very concerned about the implications of such an endorsement on the Governor's image, both now and in the future. I was under the impression Rally Virginia supported Republican candidates and not Democrat candidates.**

While Mike Caudill was the Goochland County Republican Committee's candidate in the 2019 election, he has since resigned his membership in the Goochland County Republican Committee and, after numerous public statements to the contrary, never filed to be the Republican candidate in the 2023 election. Instead, Mr. Caudill opted to become the Goochland Democratic Committee's candidate in the 2023 election.

The Goochland County Republican Committee has a Republican Commonwealth's Attorney candidate for the 2023 election. His name is John Lumpkins. He is a current member of Goochland's Board of Supervisors. Contrary to your statements opposing Mr. Lumpkins and dismissing him as "just a real estate attorney" at the Henrico Republican Committee meeting this past week, John has a long and successful record of service to Goochland County. Additionally, John has an extensive legal background, successfully trying cases in federal and state courts, serving as corporate counsel for a venture-

capital funded startup where he managed a team of lawyers, and serving as a court-appointed criminal defense attorney in Hanover, Henrico, and Richmond federal court, just to name a few of his strong credentials.

Finally, not only is John Lumpkins the Republican candidate for Goochland Commonwealth's Attorney but, three of his colleagues on the Goochland Board of Supervisors, Sheriff Steven Creasey, retired Sheriff Jim Agnew, four recently retired Goochland Sheriff's Deputies/Investigators, our Congressman Bob Good, Congressman Rob Wittman, and Louisa Sheriff Donnie Lowe, Powhatan Sheriff Brad Nunnally and many others have endorsed John Lumpkins as the next Commonwealth's Attorney in Goochland.

In conclusion, my request of you is that Rally Virginia whose mission states it provides "strong conservative support for the candidates we endorse and serve", re-evaluate who is the conservative in the race for Goochland Commonwealth's Attorney. I believe that when conservatives support conservatives, the outcome is the change we seek as we work to ensure our country also reflects those same conservative values.

Additionally, I would ask that you please respond to this message with whether Rally Virginia has, in fact, endorsed Mike Caudill for Goochland Commonwealth's Attorney.

Kind regards,

Buddy Bishop - Chair, Goochland County Republican Committee

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**The answer was interesting. There was none. Not a word of reply. Apparently, the committee isn't worth their time. Maybe Rally Virginia isn't worth the committees' time either. So, "No Thanks".**

## ***"What difference does it make? - Hillary Clinton***

### **VICE CHAIR JIM HERRING**

In the 4+ decades that I have been involved in politics, there have been times when it was difficult to tell the difference between some Democrats and some Republicans. Through the years, this has changed considerably leading us to today, when I have never seen a wider difference between the two.

While one Party fights to defend the integrity of human life and the voting booth, the other side is working hard to kill both. While one Party fights to put America first, the other is working hard to remove any semblance of an American culture and replace it with a new world order. While one Party seeks facts and truth, the other does their best to politicize science and the justice system as weapons to be used against Americans. And then there are personal freedoms, and liberty, exemplified by the flag, the pledge...and prayer... that one Party fights to defend, another Party fights to remove them all, because "...the government knows more than it's people." There could not be a larger divide between these Parties, yet there are some who pay no attention and can't seem to accept the implications.

This year in Goochland County, we have a very important election, as all local seats (as well as House of Delegates and State Senate) are on the ballot. Whether you realize it or not, THESE are more important to our community than any Presidential or National elections because of two things... 1) They directly impact our community and do so in a much more expedited manner than national decisions, 2) YOU have direct control over who is elected! Local offices such as School Board, Board of Supervisors, Clerk of Court, Sheriff, Treasurer and Commonwealth's Attorney. Each of these is important and if you don't think the differences between the Parties applies to local races, you need look no further than the School Board's recent decision to censure one of its members for merely suggesting a public discussion of an important issue.

In Goochland, there is one local race that seems to be confusing for some, but I want to clarify things to avoid future confusion. In the race for Commonwealth's Attorney, there is a Republican Party endorsed candidate, John Lumpkins (<https://goochland.gop/2023/05/25/a-full-slate-of-republican-candidates-for-2023-in-goochland-county/>), and a Democrat Party backed candidate, Mike Caudill. (<http://www.goochlanddemocrats.org/2023-elections.html>).

### **There is only ONE Republican candidate for Commonwealth Attorney, and that is John Lumpkins.**

"What difference does it make?" Ask Republican-backed candidates in Goochland County running for local office this year how this may affect their race if Republican voters are misled by a "misunderstanding" of Party backing, and principles. Ask our candidates for the 10th Senate District, 56th House District and 57th House District if it's important for Republican candidates to win the Virginia House and Senate! Ask Governor Youngkin if it's important for him to have Republicans win the House and Senate to accomplish the goals for which he was elected.

As for me, I will be backing the full slate of principled, conservative Republicans in Goochland who abide by their faith in God, stand firm in their support of their country, state and community and commit to the Republican Creed. I hope that other conservative Goochland Republicans will join me.

# A Firsthand and Informed View on the Matter

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## MICHAEL E. BLACKWOOD

Before I worked as a Sergeant in the investigations section of the Goochland Sheriff's Office, I had a long career with the DEA as a field agent and supervisor, and I retired as an Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the DEA Academy in Quantico, VA. While with the DEA, I investigated hundreds of cases and arrested many violent criminals. I took pride in my job, and I worked hand in hand with some of the best prosecutors in the country. I learned that good public safety requires the cooperation of prosecutors and law enforcement.

While at the Sheriff's Office, I had frequent contact with Commonwealth's Attorney Michael Caudill. I quickly realized that Caudill had little interest in the cases brought before him. Caudill did not work well with law enforcement; he was rarely prepared for court; and he consistently undermined our investigations by making lenient plea agreements without our knowledge.

While I acknowledge that prosecutors will sometimes reduce charges due to mitigating circumstances, I know from experience that good prosecutors will offer leniency only after a criminal defendant has agreed to cooperate in other ongoing, criminal cases. Unfortunately, Mr. Caudill routinely reduced or dismissed these charges without even trying to elicit that cooperation. Criminals talk, and we found that most defendants, having no fear of the system, refused to help us follow up with other cases. Below are some examples.

A few years ago, we identified a man who was supplying marijuana to more than 20 students at the Goochland High School. He confessed and we arrested him for felony distribution. Caudill, without consulting or notifying us, offered to let this man plea to a simple misdemeanor with no jail time. When we found out about this, we confronted Caudill and adamantly protested given the fact that this man was supplying drugs to school age juveniles. In this case, Caudill relented and prosecuted felony charges. However, as we found in so many other instances, the defendant faced no threat of incarceration, and the plea agreement did not require him to work with us. This became problematic when we ultimately arrested this man's supplier, a dealer supplying more than 30 customers. That supplier, a previously convicted felon, benefitted from Caudill's lenience as well. After another soft plea agreement, that dealer served just six months in jail and was not required to work with the Sheriff's Office in pursuing other dealers.

Not only did Mr. Caudill show little interest in prosecuting our cases, but he also refused to put informants in front of the investigative grand jury, a tool routinely used by prosecutors and law enforcement to uncover criminal activity. When we learned of a drug trafficking organization sourced out of California distributing cocaine, THC wax and large quantities of marijuana, we identified 9 witnesses that we wanted to put in front of the grand jury. My partner and I met with Caudill to discuss this case on multiple occasions, and we followed up with emails. Caudill showed absolutely no interest in this case. Without the grand jury testimony (under penalty of perjury) of the witnesses, we did not have enough evidence to go forward, and no one was prosecuted.

I am at a loss to explain Mr. Caudill's actions. I found him to be aloof, dismissive, disinterested, and unwilling to work with us to pursue criminal activity. As our county grows, there will be more opportunities for crime. I want our county to remain safe, but the sheriff cannot do this alone; he needs a partner to work with him.

John Lumpkins, who is running for Commonwealth's Attorney, has been a law enforcement officer, a federal law clerk, and a criminal defense attorney. In addition, John has demonstrated that he is the consummate team player by serving ably on both our School Board and Board of Supervisors. John is a humble, thoughtful, and honest man who understands the importance of keeping Goochland safe by having a good working relationship with law enforcement.

John will bring a breath of fresh air to the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office. Public Safety is paramount to the well-being and success of our community. We need a Commonwealth's Attorney who will make that a priority. Please join me in voting for John Lumpkins for Goochland Commonwealth's Attorney.

Michael E. Blackwood

Investigative Sergeant Goochland County Sheriff's Office 2016-2020

Assistant Special Agent in Charge Drug Enforcement Administration 1988-2014

# Policies, Practices and Posturing, Oh My!

## ANGELA ALLEN, SCHOOL BOARD CANDIATE FOR GOOCHLAND'S 3<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT

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Six months ago, I asked a question. Four months ago, I put forth a policy to address the lack of transparency around bathroom/locker room access in our public schools. The other School Board members refused to adopt this, or any policy, saying a policy wasn't needed because the in-school practices were sufficient. The Schol Board's position of alleged transparency contradicts an abundance of community feedback that revealed confusion about how bathroom/locker room access is handled in our schools.

### Facts:

- **Goochland County Public Schools does not have a policy to address bathroom/locker room access.**
- In July 2021, the School Board approved changes to 19 policies adding a cross-reference to the [Code of Virginia § 22.1-23.3](#); binding the school division to the Northman Administration's model policy.
- While none of these 19 policies addresses bathroom/locker room access, the cross-reference to the Code of Virginia § 22.1-23.3 satisfies legal compliance.

Two weeks ago, the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) released [Model Policies on Ensuring Privacy, Dignity, and Respect for All Students and Parents in Virginia's Public Schools](#). *These policies must be followed if school divisions are to be compliant with the [Code of Virginia § 22.1-23.3: Treatment of transgender students; policies](#).*

Goochland School Board and Administrators must update in-school practices, [student support plan](#), and other guidance in accordance with the new policies.

I invite you to encourage the School Board to be fully transparent by creating a policy consistent with the policy put forth by the Youngkin Administration and approved by the VDOE by:

1. Emailing the School Board (all members)
2. Speaking at the Aug. 8th meeting at 6 pm
3. Posting on social media and sending letters to the Gazette
4. Rallying family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues around this issue

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## Good vs. Evil

### JONATHAN CHRISTY REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT ONE SUPERVISOR

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We are in the climax of a spiritual war. While it may not seem like a big deal which bathroom a kid uses in schools, it is another crack in the crumbling foundation of humanity. The cracks are deep! We know this because a few kids actually want to use the other bathroom and the number is increasing every year. WHY? It's not natural. It's not accidental. It's by design. For decades Satanists, Marxists, Communists, Socialist, or whatever you want to call them. Have been chipping away at humanity. What does it mean to be human? I believe, much like Plato, that being a human comes down to identity and self-awareness. A soul. They have been stripping the precious identity from each child for decades. That's the "WHY."

They tried going after the men, the guardians, and warriors of the family system first. "You need to get in touch with your feminine side", "toxic masculinity", "me too", "gender pay gap." Yes, do not forget even still today they use the "gender" pay gap. Then they went after the women, the caregivers, and keepers of the house. "Don't be a stay-at-home mom", "Climb the corporate ladder", and "It could cost you \$250,000 to have and raise a child." They drove a wedge into the family system to get to the Achilles' heel of humanity. The kids, the future. The rawest form of identity is gender. By removing that, they can remove the soul.

# Where is Your Loyalty?

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**JOHN MYERS**

Loyalty is defined as a strong sense of support or allegiance. Our Pledge of Allegiance is a combination of statements of loyalty to our country. Loyalty is a great thing when it is directed toward meaningful places, people or ideas. Loyalty can be well directed or misdirected. I have called myself a Republican officially since 1968. I was an independent before that and I have never called myself a Democrat. I have supported Republican candidates with my time and money. I have participated in the Republican nomination process for many, many years and, of course, have always voted Republican. So, could one call me loyal to the Republican Party? Well, yes and no. I originally affiliated with the Republican Party because that was the party whose values more closely aligned with my own. Many people join a party, and whatever the values, or lack thereof that the party has, become their values (sounds like the blue party?). As long as our party adheres to the principles and values it advocates, it can be said that I have a certain amount of party loyalty. However, that loyalty only extends as far as the party sticks to its principles and values. So, in reality, my true loyalty is to principles, not party. Many politicians have loyalty to their large campaign donors rather than to values or principles.

Here we are in 2023, with half of the Biden nightmare over (hopefully), we are officially in campaign season for the President of the United States. The field of Republican candidates is growing rapidly, just as it did back in 2015. At this writing, July 13, the candidates that have officially announced are former President Donald Trump, former South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley, Ryan Binkley (I don't know who he is either), Larry Elder, Asa Hutchison, Perry Johnson (?), Vivek Ramaswamy, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, South Carolina Senator Tim Scott, former Vice President Mike Pence. South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem, Mike Rogers and Chris Sununu are possibilities. It will definitely be a large field.

I have often said that a person can be a real S.O.B. And still make a good President. One's personality is no indication of his/her abilities. However, he/she must be an electable S.O.B. There is no doubt that at this point that Donald Trump is the front runner. He began broadcasting negative ads on Ron DeSantis weeks ago and has suggested that there is no reason to have debates because he is so far ahead of the rest of the field. Is he concerned about the interests of our country, or his own interests? There is no doubt about it, Donald Trump did a lot of things we wanted done when he was President. He kept his campaign promises. Our allies and our adversaries respected us. The economy was good, we were energy independent, inflation was not a problem, and our borders were more secure than they had been in decades.

And he managed to accomplish this with the Russia collusion hoax going on and a false impeachment trial. Few on our side question his competency. But along with the success he brought us, there was a certain amount of "drama" on his part. And unfortunately, when Trump was our president and our candidate for reelection, we lost. Here are the facts. During his first midterm elections in 2018 Republicans lost control of the House of Representatives. In 2020, when he was up for reelection, he not only lost, but we lost control of the Senate as well. For the 2022 House elections, Republicans were on track to win a huge majority. Several days before the election, Donald Trump declared that he would soon be making an announcement. Everyone knew that it would be that he planned to run for another term. In response to this, we barely won back control of the House by a handful of seats. However, in Georgia, there was a runoff for a Senate seat. While the Republican candidate, former football star Hershel Walker, had his share of baggage, it was no more than his Communist opponent, Incumbent Democrat Raphael Warnoff. Many people asked Trump not to make his announcement until after the runoff. He did so anyway, and again, Georgia has that Commie as one of their senators, and again, we are the minority party in the U.S. Senate. Where was his loyalty to our principles or our candidates?

If, in fact, Donald Trump becomes the Republican nominee for president in 2024, naturally I will support him as vigorously as I did in 2016 and 2020. But I do not plan to support him during the nomination process. So, am I being disloyal to Donald Trump? You can look at this any way you choose, but in my opinion, I am being loyal to America. I think it is in our country's best interest to have a candidate that is not so divisive. We need a candidate that half of American voters don't already hate. We need a candidate that can win in 2024. I truly do not see a path to victory for Donald Trump in 2024. There is absolutely nothing to indicate he can win the swing states that are required to get to 270 electoral votes. No amount of incompetence, stupidity, or corruption on the part of Joe Biden will change that.

Unfortunately, the kind of contempt and disdain many Americans have shown for Donald Trump has somehow not been shared with Joe Biden. Biden has far more loyal, but unfortunately stupid, people supporting him.

Many Trump supporters feel that former Vice President Mike Pence was disloyal to Donald Trump when he did not refuse to certify the Presidential Election results in 2020. That is absurd! The role of the Vice President in the certification of presidential elections is strictly ceremonial. It has no legal implications. Mike Pence was being loyal to the rule of law and the good citizens of the United States of America. To those of you who think that Donald Trump would still be president if Pence had refused to certify the results, you have just been demoted to the rank of sub-stupid.

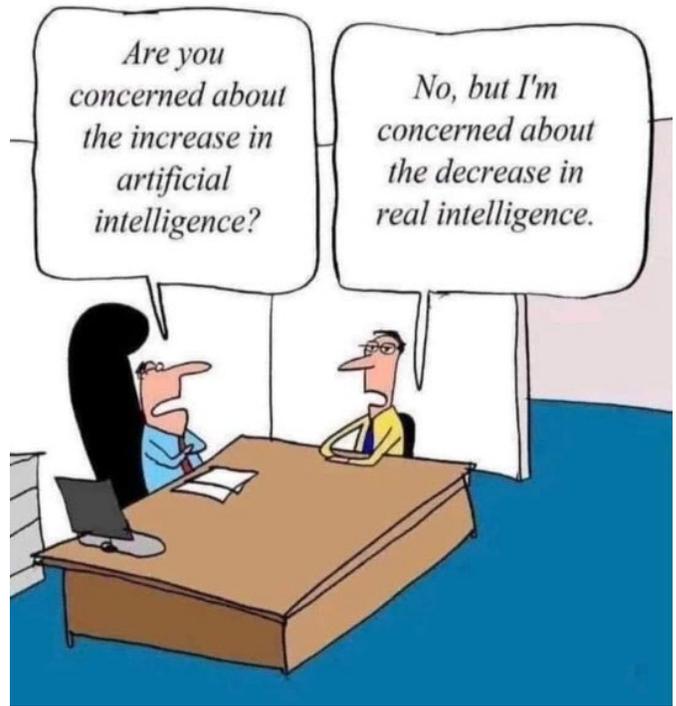
There is definitely misguided loyalty. Many, no, most Democrats have absolute loyalty to their party. It matters not how much they get taxed, how much crime exists in their neighborhoods, how much money it takes to fill their gas tanks or heat their homes, how many illegal aliens are essentially invited into our country, how weak our country appears around the world, and how the lines between men and women get blurred, they will support their party. Look at who they have voted into Congress – brainless, lawless, and clueless people like Maxine Waters, Alexandria Ocasio Cortez, Nancy Pelosi, Adam Schiff and many others. How about Louise Lucas in the Virginia Senate? But just think about the guy who the idiots in Pennsylvania elected to the U.S. Senate. John Fetterman has to be the lowest I.Q. Person ever elected to.....well, anything. This guy is not only dumber than dumb, but probably not even sane. This is who they chose over Dr. Oz. Did they vote for the best candidate or for the Democratic Party? Now that's loyalty gone amuck!

Now don't think misguided loyalty is restricted to national or state elections. Loyalty for questionable reasons is alive and well here in Goochland County. Go back a few years and even now, you may wonder, what were the people thinking who voted for those candidates (all names withheld). What was their loyalty based on?

In spite of what Alexandro Mayorkas tells us, our Southern border is wide open. People from almost anywhere flood to the border gates claiming political asylum. They get released into our country, with no health credentials and many without passports. They enter America on a promise to appear in court on some day in the future - often years away. How many do you think will actually show up? Those entering the border states without checking in are, for the most part, ignored. Many people say that we are showing compassion to the immigrants. Isn't this a type of loyalty? But where is the loyalty to the American citizens who have their cities and towns overcrowded with strangers, and having to pay for their education, medical care, lodging, food, utilities and all of the additional fringe benefits afforded them? This loyalty is actually insanity!

There is also a huge amount of loyalty to the "green energy" movement. If this crap was not being forced on us by the Democratic Party, I would call it laughable. I truly did not believe that our country was capable of putting together as many morons in one place as there are in Washington, D.C. A zero emissions policy is their goal by 2050. John Kerry, you know, the guy who flies around in a private jet burning hundreds of gallons of a fuel he supposedly hates, has added farmers to his latest hit list. According to Kerry, who by the way has no training in science that we know of, claims that farmers produce 25 – 30% of all the greenhouse gases in America. So, is his loyalty to green energy greater than his loyalty to eating? Many of the absolute low I.Q. Individuals in congress have suggested that the military begin changing to all electric vehicles. Now I'm not sure how they think that they will get the thrust out of an electric powered aircraft as they do out of a jet engine, but I suppose they have that figured out. And have any of these geniuses thought about where the tanks, trucks and other vehicles of war will be plugged in for recharging on the battlefield? Think China and Russia will permit long extension cords back to the mainland? While this idiocy may be loyalty to an idea, it is absolute disloyalty to America, and to common sense.

A few months ago, the Anheuser-Busch Company made derogatory comments about average American men in a nationally broadcasted ad for one of America's favorite beers, Bud Lite. The commercial featured a homosexual (no, I didn't use the politically correct transgender) named Dylan Mulvaney. Now I don't have any special training in marketing, but an imbecile would have been able to figure out what would happen. Men across America who had previously been loyal Bud Lite



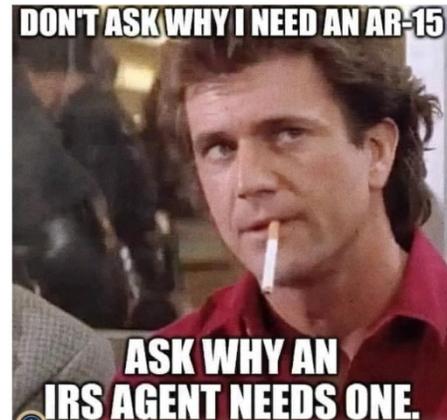
customers were outraged and begin boycotting that product. Sales dropped substantially. Adidas, the sports attire company launched their “Pride 2023” ad featuring a man, in a women’s swimsuit, hairy chest and all. The results were, well, as expected. And recently upper management at Target sent a directive to all their stores to remove the “Gay Pride” merchandise from the front of the store to the rear, occupying a fraction of the space. Rumor has it that they were afraid of being “Bud Lited.” Now I may have this wrong but having worked in corporate America for almost 40 years, corporations are supposed to have loyalty to their shareholders and their balance sheets, not to any particular segment of the population. Were these decisions thought out before being implemented? Are they so dedicated to the gay community that it has impaired their judgement? Where is their loyalty?

As you are well aware, there has been a movement on our public schools to teach children things that most parents would rather that they not be taught. Critical Race Theory, transgenderism (if that’s really a word) and sexually oriented content come to mind. When this was exposed to a greater audience during the COVID-19 pandemic, parents became more involved in PTA meetings and protested. One would think that the schools would get the message. No such luck? The schools, teachers unions, Democratic politicians and their minions in the media double down on their indoctrination of children. Exactly to whom do they have loyalty?

This is a subject which could take up many pages. Having been long- winded, or long written enough, I will end with this. Loyalty does not mean the same to everyone. While its definition does not restrict it to support or allegiance to something positive, most of us think of it that way. Those of us still in firm possession of our sanity would probably never say we have loyalty to liars, thieves, cheats, murderers or traitors. But when your efforts are aimed at evildoing, you are, in effect, having support or allegiance, thus loyalty to it. So, I am asking you, where is your loyalty?

John D. Myers,  
Loyal to our Country, Constitution, and our Great American Flag

*If you removed the brain of a person and replaced it with an equal volume of the solid material removed from the bottom of your septic tank, you will have created...a democrat! Myers, 2023*



## Grace Creasey Elected President of State Board of Education

**Grace Creasey was elected President of the Virginia State Board of Education** by the State Board of Education members at their July 25, 2023 meeting. This was the first meeting with a majority of 8-1 Youngkin- appointed members. Grace will lead the Board along with Vice President Bill Hansen.

Grace was appointed to the Virginia State Board of Education by Governor Glenn Youngkin July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 and has served in that capacity for the last year alongside four other Youngkin appointees.

Upon the expiration of the terms of three former Northam appointees on June 30, 2023, the State Board of Education is now made up of eight Youngkin appointees and one remaining Northam appointee.

The Goochland County Republican Committee is proud to have Grace serving in this capacity, knowing she will admirably represent our values as she and her fellow Board members work diligently in the best interests of the parents and students of the Commonwealth. We are honored to call Grace one of our own!

## Images from Bob Good's Moms and Dads for America Event on July 22nd in Appomattox



## Bob Good working for us in DC

### REP. GOOD SHIELDS TRUCKERS FROM BIG GOVERNMENT OVERREACH

<https://good.house.gov/media/press-releases/rep-good-shields-truckers-big-government-overreach>



July 20, 2023 Congressman Good (VA-05) introduced the Trucking Workforce Improvement Act to repeal a burdensome federal regulation on training for a commercial driver's license (CDL). This unnecessary regulation mandates that truckers complete a Federal Government approved Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) in order to acquire a CDL license.

"The ongoing trucker shortage impedes our local farmers and manufacturers from doing business with their communities, driving prices up for consumers across the country. With rising inflation and a job shortage thanks to Bidenflation, the last thing Americans need is more regulatory overreach from bureaucrats in Washington," said Rep. Good. "My bill will remove obstacles to entry for aspiring truck drivers, enable more opportunities for well-paid jobs, and unleash the American economy."

## CHAIRMAN GOOD PASSES HEALTHCARE TRANSPARENCY BILL

<https://good.house.gov/media/press-releases/chairman-good-passes-healthcare-transparency-bill>

July 12, 2023 Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Subcommittee Chairman Bob Good (VA-05) has introduced H.R.4507, the Transparency in Coverage Act, along with HELP Ranking Member Mark DeSaulnier (D-CA). This bipartisan legislation would help ensure patients have access to real-time pricing information for health care services in advance of receiving care. It would also require Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) to share cost information with the plan sponsors. "Patients deserve transparency when receiving healthcare without any surprises or hidden costs. It is also time we shed light on the deals between PBMs and pharmaceutical manufacturers on rebate pricing to ensure patients' best interests are served," said Rep. Good. "By requiring increased price transparency for providers and oversight of PBMs, my legislation would empower patients in Virginia and across the nation with the information they need to make informed decisions and reduce health care costs." The bill successfully passed the Education and the Workforce Committee by a vote of 38 to 1. With committee passage, it is now Rep. Good's third bill of the 118th Congress eligible to receive consideration on the House floor.

The latest on our Congressman Bob Good - <https://good.house.gov/media/press-releases>

## Events Calendar Highlights

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Always check for updates and additions on our website! <https://goochland.gop/events/>

August 1<sup>st</sup> @ 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm then a resumption at 7:00 pm

### **Goochland County Board of Supervisors Meeting**

Goochland County Administration Building 1800 Sandy Hook Rd, Goochland, VA, United States

August 1<sup>st</sup> @ 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

### **National Night Out - Goochland**

This free, family event will be held on August 6, 2019, from 6-8:30 pm at the Goochland County Courthouse complex located at 2938 River Road West, Goochland, Virginia.

August 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

### **Goochland County School Board**

Goochland County Administration Building 1800 Sandy Hook Rd, Goochland, VA, United States

The School Board meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM in room 250 of the County Administration Building. For the latest updates, check their calendar here: <https://www.goochlandschools.org/events>

August 9<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

### **Economic Development Authority Meeting**

Goochland County Administration Building 1800 Sandy Hook Rd, Goochland, VA, United States

August 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

### **Goochland County Electoral Board Meeting**

Goochland Office of the General Registrar 1876 Sandy Hook Road, Goochland, VA, United States

August 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

### **Goochland County Republican Committee Meeting**

Goochland County Administration Building 1800 Sandy Hook Rd, Goochland, VA, United States

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