





**NONPARTISAN CANDIDATE GUIDE FOR  
2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Congressional District  
(Williamsburg, Hampton, Newport News, Virginia Beach)**

<p>For more detailed information on candidate positions visit their respective pages at <a href="http://Votesmart.org">Votesmart.org</a>.</p>	 <p><b>Scott Taylor</b> <b>Republican</b> <b>Virginia Beach</b></p>	 <p><b>Shaun Brown</b> <b>Democrat</b> <b>Newport News</b></p>
<p>Education:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Believes that states and localities should take the lead in achieving national educational goals</li> <li>-Opposed to heavy federal government regulation in education that “stifle education reform at the state and local level”</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Supports the concept of tuition-free college</li> <li>-Opposed to for-profit education</li> <li>-Wants stricter oversight on funding for charter schools</li> </ul>
<p>The Economy:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Claims that “there are too many laws and regulations that stifle American ingenuity and entrepreneurship”</li> <li>-Opposes the Trans-Pacific Partnership</li> <li>- Supports job training and retraining programs for American workers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Supports a \$15 minimum wage tied to inflation</li> <li>-Opposes the Trans-Pacific Partnership</li> <li>-Wants to invest more in infrastructure, including schools, energy systems, and public transit</li> </ul>
<p>The Environment:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Voted in favor of HB 2 as a Delegate in the General Assembly which “requires the Department of Environmental Quality to receive approval from the General Assembly for a state implementation plan to regulate carbon dioxide emissions from existing power plants prior to submitting the plan to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for approval.”</li> <li>- Voted in favor of HB 1174 which allows for annual reports on the progress of reducing the electricity consumption of retail consumers to 10% of 2006 levels by 2022</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Opposed to offshore drilling and fracking</li> <li>-Supports “aggressive policies to reduce carbon pollution and hold fossil fuel polluters accountable for their pollution”</li> <li>-Supports investments in clean energy sources, including subsidies for businesses that produce “biofuel, wind, solar, geothermal and hydroelectric sources of power.”</li> </ul>

Healthcare:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wants to repeal the Affordable Care Act, otherwise known as “Obamacare”</li> <li>-Supports “market-based solutions” such as being able to buy health insurance across state lines and “taking any responsible step to reduce the cost of health care delivery”</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Believes that “Health Care is a right, not a privilege”</li> <li>-Supports the Affordable Care Act</li> <li>-Ultimately wants a “Federally-administered, single-payer health care” system to be the successor of the Affordable Care Act</li> </ul>
Guns:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Opposed to legislation that would diminish 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Rights</li> <li>-Voted for HB 1096, which prohibits state agencies from regulating firearms without the state legislature’s authorization</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Supports some gun control measures, including: universal background checks, restriction of gun sales to people convicted of domestic violence offenses, etc.</li> </ul>
Taxes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Wants to simplify the tax code for individuals and families</li> <li>-Wants Congress to change the corporate tax code such that businesses can bring their overseas earnings back to the United States</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Wants to raise taxes on the wealthiest Americans</li> <li>-Wants to “eliminate offshore tax avoidance loopholes”</li> </ul>
Immigration:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Voted in favor of HB 481 which “prohibits the Director of the Department of Corrections, sheriff, or other official in charge of a facility from releasing an incarcerated alien for whom a lawful detainer order has been received from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, except to transfer custody of such alien to another facility or to an appropriate federal authority.”</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Supports immigration reform that includes a path to citizenship and “rational, humane border control measures” along with other steps</li> </ul>
National Security:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-“Committed to a strong national defense, defense procurement and acquisition reform and affordable benefits for military families”</li> <li>-“Believes that the US should be prepared to fight future conflicts with tremendous precision and lethality no matter who the enemy is or what the challenge is.”</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Wants to audit the Department of Defense in order to better optimize the Defense budget</li> <li>-Seeks to increase pay for active-duty military personnel</li> <li>-Wants to give tax breaks for employers that hire military spouses</li> </ul>

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