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Dear Mr. Brooks:

Thank you for sending me your questionnaire for state legislative candidates. It is my policy not to respond to this type of survey.

As a state legislator, I must consider a multitude of variables when making public policy decisions. I have to be fiscally responsible and weigh each funding decision against all other budgetary considerations. I am dedicated to spending the taxpayer's money wisely and effectively. As much as I may agree with a particular position or program, I need to take each funding decision on a case-by-case basis. It is impossible to mark a yes or no answer on many of your questions for these actions.

In the 19 years that I have been privileged to serve in the General Assembly, I have voted on thousands of issues concerning almost every imaginable subject matter. I find this a much better indicator of my position than a questionnaire. Suffice it to say, I consider myself fiscally conservative, socially moderate and pro-choice.

In addition, I approach the representation of my district with an open mind. I welcome the lively discussion and debate that occurs in committee and on the Senate floor. As a result, I may be persuaded to change my mind on an issue that I previously thought I had resolved. It is the nature of my service to the State of North Carolina to listen to all sides of an issue before casting my vote.

Thank you again for contacting me. I look forward to working with you during session.

Very truly yours,

Anthony E. Rand

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