



## McDonnell/Bolling Unveil "More Energy, More Jobs" Program

Dear Friends,

Bob McDonnell and I have promised to run a positive, issue oriented campaign in 2009. We are determined to offer realistic and workable solutions to the challenges facing Virginia. That's the kind of leadership the people of Virginia are looking for and that's the kind of leadership we will provide.

Last week we offered the first in a series of detailed policy statements. **Our "More Energy, More Jobs" program is designed to make Virginia the nation's leader in developing traditional, new and emerging energy technologies.**

**I hope you will take a moment to read what the press is saying about it.**

By positioning Virginia now as the nation's energy leader we can help our country achieve a higher degree of energy security, while at the same time helping Virginia achieve a higher degree of economic security.

Our "More Energy, More Jobs" program is based on four important goals:

**First, we want to make Virginia the nation's leader in developing traditional sources of energy like nuclear power, clean coal technologies and oil and natural gas.** These traditional sources of energy still account for the vast majority of energy we consume in our country, and any energy plan that ignores these importance energy sources is an incomplete and ineffective plan.

**Second, we want to make Virginia the nation's leader in developing renewable sources of energy like wind power, solar power and biofuels.** While these energy sources currently account for a small percentage of our overall energy use, we must position Virginia now to become a leader in these new energy technologies in the years to come.

**Third, we want to make Virginia the nation's leader in developing emerging energy technologies, most of which we cannot even imagine today.** We have proposed the creation of the Virginia Energy Institute, which will help coordinate the energy research that is currently being done by our major research universities; and the Virginia Energy center, which will work with state and local economic development programs to bring more energy related businesses to Virginia.

**Finally, we have pledged to support the implementation of responsible energy conservation measures, as long as they are based on sound science and found to be cost effective.** And we will set an example by requiring Virginia's state government to lead the way in constructing more energy efficient buildings and implementing effective energy cost reduction programs.



**Please visit my website for more information on the McDonnell/Bolling "More Energy, More Jobs" program.**

Our "More Energy, More Jobs" program takes an "all of the above" approach. We understand that there is no single answer to solving our nation's energy problems. If we are going to develop an effective national energy strategy we must take a comprehensive approach.

There are big differences between our approach to solving our nation's energy problems and the approach taken by our opponents, and we look forward to discussing those differences in this campaign.

**For example, our opponents oppose the construction of new nuclear reactors and clean coal power plants in Virginia.** They fail to recognize the important role that coal plays in the economy of southwest Virginia, and they would leave our vast coal resources underutilized.

**Our opponents are even opposed to the exploration and development of Virginia's off shore energy resources.** We strongly support off shore energy development, which would help the nation reduce its dependence of foreign sources of energy and provide a tremendous economic benefit to Virginia.

**A recent study completed by Old Dominion University indicated that development of our off shore energy resources would create 25,000 jobs over a ten year period and produce \$8B in capital investment, \$644M in taxable state and local wages, \$271M in state and local tax revenue and \$170M/year in royalty payments for Virginia.**

We need these jobs and this capital investment to help get our economy moving again, and we can use this tax revenue and royalties to help pay for important initiatives like improving the educational opportunities we provide to our children and building a transportation system for the 21st century.

Unfortunately, our opponents have chosen to put their heads in the sand and pretend that we can solve our energy problems solely through conservation and an expansion of renewable energy. While we support these initiatives, we understand that they alone will not solve our energy problems.

Campaigns should be about issues and ideas, and we look forward to discussing our "More Energy, More Jobs" program with the people of Virginia and comparing our energy solutions with our opponents lack of a comprehensive energy plan.

In the weeks to come we will issue similar policy statements on the other important issues currently facing our state. Offering realistic and workable solutions to the challenges facing Virginia will help us show voters that we are ready to lead the Commonwealth into a more prosperous future.

If you agree with our "More Energy, More Jobs" program, please get involved in our campaign today. Here's how you can help:

**Let me know that I can count on your support at the Republican convention on May 30th in Richmond.**

**Make a financial contribution to our campaign.**

**Volunteer to help support our campaign in your community.**

Thanks again for your friendship, confidence and support. I look forward to campaigning with you to victory in November and seeing you on the campaign trail soon.

The image shows a handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Bolling". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bill" and last name "Bolling" clearly distinguishable.

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