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My name is Bob Berry and I'm running for U.S. Senate, Va.

Please limit your responses to 100 words. Any responses beyond the 100 word limit will be cut due to space limitations.

1. Name the two biggest challenges facing Virginia, and briefly explain how you would work to solve them. (Maximum 100 words)

The greatest challenge facing Virginia is the critical need for vast improvements in the region's transportation infrastructure. As your US Senator, I would use my influence to break the cycle of meaningless taxation without real change. I would immediately form a consortium of scientists, civil engineers, planners and corporate project managers to establish a comprehensive plan for Virginia's transportation and coastal and inland port infrastructure.

The second greatest challenge is Virginia's budget and spending discipline. I will help guide Virginia's public leaders in locating inefficiencies in our school systems and other state and federal government functions without raising taxes.

2. Name the two biggest challenges facing the United States, and briefly explain how you would work to solve them. (Maximum 100 words)

I would first provide leadership in the Senate and for the people of the United States by highlighting the many ways in which adversarial nations and terrorist networks alike are continually plotting and planning to do serious harm to the United States. Second, I would work to force the government to actually secure our borders, reform our immigration work force and enforce our laws, present a 3-point plan to strengthen our nation's intelligence gathering capabilities including counter intelligence, strengthen our defenses, and influence our nation's trade policies so that our sovereignty and economic security are preserved.

3. Name a political figure (either local or national) you greatly admire and explain why. (Maximum 100 words)

Congressman Duncan Hunter from California is a man of great stature and moral and intellectual integrity. I have worked with him in Congress and have witnessed his wise understanding of the world and for America's place in it. I actively supported him during his presidential bid, and was disappointed when that campaign ended prematurely. He would have made a great President.



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4. Name two specific skills or experiences that make you uniquely qualified to represent Virginia in the U.S. Senate. (Maximum 100 words)

I have legislative, political, and extensive national security and intelligence experience. I am able to bring reality, commonsense, intellectual integrity, and sanity to the confusion now prevalent on Capitol Hill.

5. How long have you lived in Virginia, and how has it changed since that date? Explain why those changes have been to the benefit or detriment of residents. (Maximum 100 words)

I have lived in Virginia since the early 60s and have lived in three of the four major geographic regions of the commonwealth: Tidewater, the western mountains and the Shenandoah Valley, and Northern Virginia. The fourth region where I have not resided but have visited many times is the piedmont area of central Virginia. The Commonwealth has grown significantly since then and has done only a fair job of managing that growth in terms of taxation, urban planning, and transportation infrastructure. Virginia can and must make up for lost time in achieving what government is obligated to achieve.

6. Fill in the following blanks (Maximum two sentences):

a) The most recent book I read and enjoyed was MEN IN BLACK, by Mark Levin on how the Supreme Court has strayed from the US Constitution.

b) My favorite television show/movie is Movie: Big Country, with Gregory Peck and Burl Ives, addressing the question of what defines a real man.

c) In my spare time I love to take recreation with my wife and son.