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# CONGRESSWOMAN ANNE NORTHUP

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Dear Friends,

During my past seven years in Congress, I have had the chance to meet and talk with many of you in person. I am always grateful to hear your thoughts and concerns, because your involvement helps me better represent you in Congress.

We all know that the best ideas don't come from Washington, they come from you. Your input is extremely valuable to me, and that is the purpose of this mailing.

As the 108th Congress reaches the halfway point, I would like to ask you for your thoughts on several important issues facing our society. From local issues to worldwide concerns, your priorities are important to me. I hope you will take a few moments to complete and return this questionnaire.

I take my duties as your Representative very seriously. My main goal in Congress is to do what is best for our community. I will continue to work hard for Louisville in Washington, and I look forward to receiving your response.

Sincerely,

Anne M. Northup  
Member of Congress

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# 2004 CONSTITUENT QUESTIONNAIRE

The following are several important issues facing our society. Your thoughts on these issues are very important to me. Please complete this questionnaire and return it as soon as possible.

## SURVEY INSTRUCTIONS

This survey is set up to receive answers from two people. If there are at least two people in your household, please have one person indicate answers in the space for Respondent #1 and another person indicate answers in the space for Respondent #2.

### The Economy

- 1** How important do you believe it is for Louisville's overall well-being and economic development that two new bridges are built across the Ohio River, one downtown and one in the east end?
- a) very important                      b) somewhat important  
c) not at all important

Respondent #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent #2 \_\_\_\_\_

- 2** To what extent do you believe President Bush's tax cuts are responsible for the turnaround in the economy experienced in the past several months?
- a) very responsible                      b) somewhat responsible  
c) not at all responsible

Respondent #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent #2 \_\_\_\_\_

- 3** How do you think we should balance our national budget?
- a) raise taxes  
b) grow the economy and thereby grow government revenues from increased economic activity  
c) cut spending

Respondent #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent #2 \_\_\_\_\_

### The War Against Terrorism

- 4** Do you believe that terrorist activity against American troops and our allies in Iraq, including suicide bombings, is reason to bring our troops home, or should we keep them in Iraq until the country is more stable and democratic?
- a) keep them in Iraq                      b) bring them home  
c) unsure

Respondent #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent #2 \_\_\_\_\_

- 5** President Bush gave us several reasons to remove Saddam Hussein from power: 1) the belief that he had weapons of mass destruction 2) his collaboration with terrorists in his and other countries, and 3) freeing the Iraqi people from a brutal dictator. Based on what you know now, do you support the President's decision to remove Saddam Hussein from power?
- a) yes                      b) no                      c) unsure

Respondent #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent #2 \_\_\_\_\_

- 6** Do you believe that your local, state, and federal governments are doing enough to combat terrorism and protect our homeland?
- a) yes                      b) no                      c) unsure

Respondent #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent #2 \_\_\_\_\_

### Education

- 7** Under the "No Child Left Behind" legislation, which Congress passed in 2001, parents of children in "failing schools" are allowed to transfer their children to better-performing public schools and/or use the federal funds for tutoring or other educational support for their children. Do you believe parents facing this situation should be able to take advantage of this "school choice" option?
- a) yes                      b) no                      c) unsure

Respondent #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent #2 \_\_\_\_\_

- 8** In Washington, D.C., the federal government spends \$12,000 per child for education, far more than most other school districts in the nation. But D.C. schools continue to fail -- 90 percent of children cannot read at proficient levels and almost 40 percent of D.C. students fail to graduate from high school. In light of these statistics, do you support school choice in D.C. schools -- allowing parents to choose a new school for their children, either public or private?
- a) yes                      b) no                      c) unsure

Respondent #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent #2 \_\_\_\_\_

- 9** If you could choose one course of action, which one do you believe would do the most to improve education?
- a) attract better teachers through higher salaries  
b) reduce class size  
c) hold schools more accountable for student performance  
d) institute a more rigorous curriculum  
e) expand school choice

Respondent #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent #2 \_\_\_\_\_

### Prescription Drugs, Social Security and Medicare

- 10** The President recently signed the historic Medicare reform bill, adding a prescription drug benefit and making significant overhauls to the nearly 40-year-old program. Do you believe that Medicare recipients will be better off as a result of this year's reforms?
- a) yes                      b) no                      c) unsure

Respondent #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent #2 \_\_\_\_\_

- 11** Though it is technically illegal, many Americans buy prescription drugs from Canada over the Internet at much lower prices than they would pay in the United States. Do you believe this practice should:
- a) remain illegal                      b) be legalized                      c) unsure

Respondent #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent #2 \_\_\_\_\_

- 12** As baby-boomers retire, there will be fewer workers per retiree. This will lead to significant financial strains on Medicare and Social Security. To address the problem, would you support:
- a) increasing the retirement age?  
b) decreasing program benefits?  
c) allowing younger workers to invest a portion of their Social Security dollars in selected private accounts to earn more for their own retirements?

Respondent #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent #2 \_\_\_\_\_

### Urban Sprawl

- 13** Some have decried the growth of the suburbs as an environmental problem. Should the government be more active in zoning decisions and try to entice more people to stay in the cities, or support the choice of families to move to the suburbs by providing better transportation and infrastructure?
- a) use zoning to keep families in the city  
b) support choices to move by providing better transportation and infrastructure  
c) unsure

Respondent #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent #2 \_\_\_\_\_

### Taxes

- 14** Paying for much-needed transportation projects, including the Ohio River Bridges project, continues to be a priority. Would you support a temporary increase in the gasoline tax if you were assured that the money would flow directly to states to pay for better roads and bridges?
- a) yes                      b) no                      c) unsure

Respondent #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent #2 \_\_\_\_\_

- 15** If our community was required to help offset the cost of the new Ohio River Bridges in order to speed the project's completion, would you support a toll on cars using the bridges?
- a) yes                      b) no                      c) unsure

Respondent #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent #2 \_\_\_\_\_

- 16** Should Congress make the tax relief package approved last year permanent, rather than allowing it to expire after 10 years?
- a) make it permanent                      b) let it expire                      c) unsure

Respondent #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent #2 \_\_\_\_\_

- 17** Currently there is no sales tax charged on purchases made over the Internet. Some see this as a good thing; others think it puts local merchants at a disadvantage. Do you favor or oppose taxes on purchases made on the Internet?
- a) favor taxes                      b) oppose taxes                      c) unsure

Respondent #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent #2 \_\_\_\_\_

### Same-Sex Marriage

- 18** The Massachusetts Supreme Court recently decided to legalize same-sex marriage in that state. Do you believe Congress should:
- a) take steps to outlaw same-sex marriage nationally, even if that includes amending the Constitution?  
b) protect the ability of each state to set its own laws regarding same-sex marriage?  
c) allow same-sex marriage to become legal in every state?

Respondent #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent #2 \_\_\_\_\_

### Priorities of our Government Leaders

- 19** What do you think should be the top five issues for Congress and the President in the next session of Congress? (Rank your top five projects in the spaces below. For example, if you believe "fighting terrorism" is most important, place an "e" in the first space, and so on.)

- a) lowering the cost of health care  
b) expanding veterans' care  
c) creating jobs and expanding the economy  
d) holding schools to high standards  
e) fighting terrorism  
f) making tax relief permanent  
g) reducing crime rates and drug use  
h) protecting the environment  
i) raising moral standards  
j) strengthening Social Security so that it is sustainable  
k) other: \_\_\_\_\_  
l) other: \_\_\_\_\_

Respondent 1:    1      2      3      4      5

Respondent 2:    1      2      3      4      5

- 20** As a member of the Appropriations Committee, Representative Northup has the opportunity to direct funding to important projects in Louisville. Please rank the projects you believe should be the top five priorities in the spaces below. (For example, if you believe "UofL research projects" are most important, mark a "c" in the first space, and so on.)

- a) Ohio River Bridges project  
b) road extensions and expansions to reduce traffic  
c) UofL research projects  
d) improving our community health centers  
e) investments in programs and buildings managed by our faith-based organizations  
f) expanding MSD flood control projects  
g) providing better equipment for our police to fight crime  
h) new job training programs  
i) investments in the Olmsted Parks  
j) expansion/development of the Waterfront  
k) investments in our art and cultural museums  
l) senior housing  
m) relocating families away from the airport neighborhood  
n) other: \_\_\_\_\_  
o) other: \_\_\_\_\_

Respondent 1:    1      2      3      4      5

Respondent 2:    1      2      3      4      5