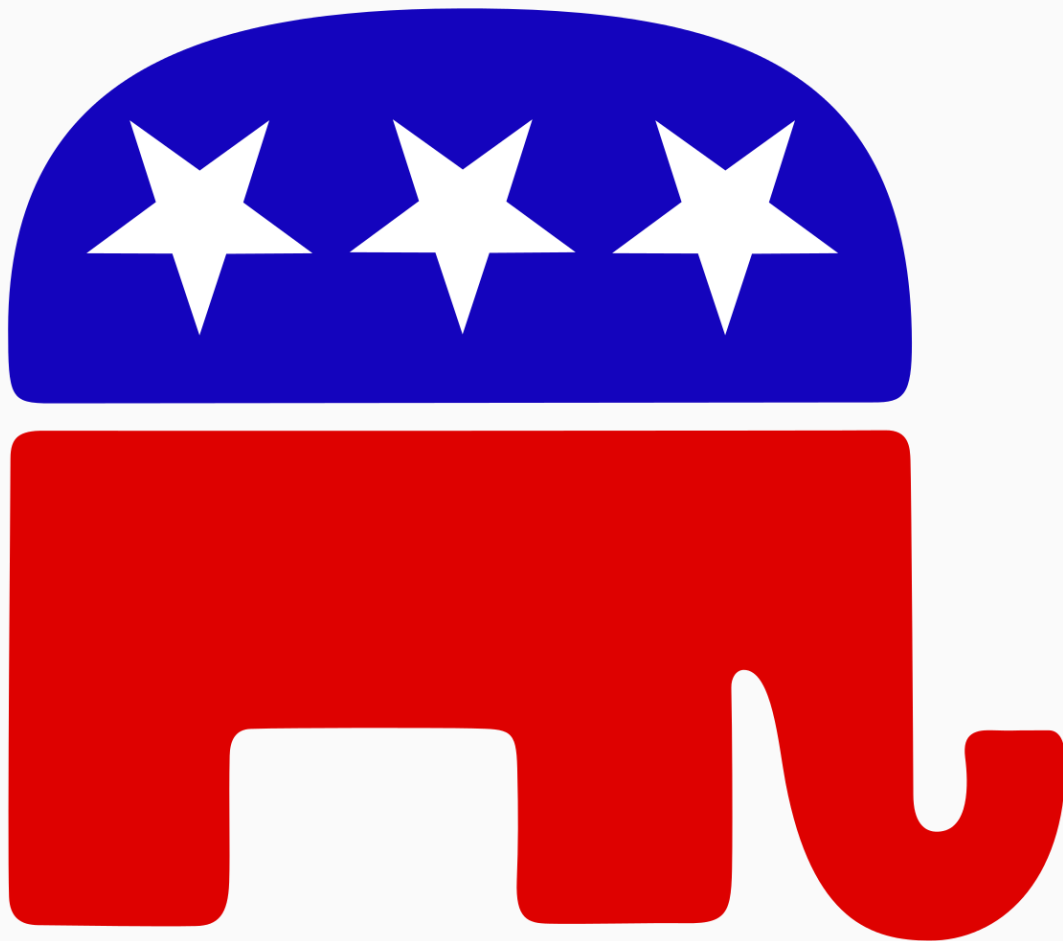

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Dear Friends and Fellow Republicans

Where Do We Go From Here

Let's be frank - over the past few months, we've taken a few on the chin. However we

must fight and against the party of tyranny and the enemies of free speech. But for this fight to happen, we need a revitalized GOP which will listen to the grassroots and not the donor class. The GOP needs to be the party of ideas - and not just a tool for big money donors who only care about fattening their wallets.

There are a few things we need to discuss.

1st off, is this 2nd sham impeachment trial. The fact is that President Trump did not call for anyone to storm the US Capitol. To blame Trump for what happened at the US Capitol is akin to myself going to a buddy and saying "I can't stand John Doe" and then that buddy goes out and kills John Doe. It doesn't pass the smell test. However it seems that Mitch McConnell is ok with US Senators voting to impeach Trump after he has left office. 1st off, for the Master Senate Parliamentarian to suggest that an elected President can be impeached after he has left office - when the only remedy in the US Constitution is that there is a removal from office, is an exercise in futility. Second, when the US has so many issues going on at this time, to impeach a no longer sitting President would only put a knife in the GOP. Mitch McConnell, the ultimate fixture on Capitol Hill - seems to have forgotten that he serves the people, and not the monied interests which often dominate how legislation is made. This would set us back about 10-15 years.

(Again, let me praise **Ben Cline** here - as I said last week and will again repeat - Ben is more interested in serving the voter class rather than the donor class - thank you **Ben Cline** for having our backs)

2nd - we need to get back to Republican values of Life Liberty and Limited Government. We have to have another Contract With America. Something which promotes Republican values, shows a clear difference between the GOP and the Democrats - and run on this platform. It did well for us in 1994, and will do well for us again.

3rd - We the Party of the Common Man and Woman must remember that we are in a battle for the heart and soul of this country. And that the party of big government will do anything they can do to trip us up. Each of us needs to get to work to ensure that we win back Virginia in 2021 and then to ensure that we retake the House in 2022. Currently the Democrats are holding rallies to try and get **Ben Cline** to resign. Several of you have written beautiful Letters to the Editor in support of Ben. Please keep doing so.

A Few Other Things

You may have heard about the State Central Meeting this past weekend. I have alot of thoughts about this meeting, most of which I will not go into. Certain persons on both sides of the Primary vs. Convention debate would be better off toning down the dyspepsia and getting back to work. However I want each of you to know how I voted and why.

I support a convention here in 2021. I will not bad mouth or weigh in on the motives of

those who support a primary. Many of them have only the best of intentions. However my job is 2 fold. One is to do what I think is in the best interests of the Republican Party of Virginia, and 2nd is to protect the integrity of the voters of the 6th Congressional District.

A primary can easily be bought by a candidate who has deep pockets and can either self finance or has the backing of powerful special interests in Richmond (McGuire Woods, Dominion, the Gambling Lobby etc). Money becomes the the number one determining factor. A grassroots based candidate or a candidate who has a great message but little opportunity to raise money in a nomination contest is pretty much shut out of contention in a primary.

Maybe more importantly, to win a primary, a candidate need only advertise in NOVA, Richmond, and the Tidewater, and the Southside, Central Virginia, and the Shenandoah Valley are pretty much left out. I've been working on campaigns and been a delegate dozens of times over the years and seen this happen many times over the years in primary contests. A convention will ensure that a candidate will show up in each Congressional District to get your vote.

There are other reasons that I support a convention over a primary, but they are not really relevant to this discussion. To those of you in CD 6 who support a primary, I get that you believe that honestly, and I appreciate your opinion here. If you have a good argument as to why a primary is necessary, please feel free to call me at 703 869 7945, be respectful, give me your opinion in a positive manner, and I'll be more than glad to have this discussion with you. I ask that you be respectful (can't overstate this enough) and explain your opinion in a positive manner. I want to hear what you have to say. Calling me to insult anyone else will not be tolerated under any circumstances.

I also want to publicly thank each of you who called, texted, or emailed me regarding the meeting on Saturday. Your comments and good wishes were very much appreciated. Part of the problem this party has is that too many of us honestly think that if we insult someone else, that makes us more principled than someone else. Doing so does nothing else other than exacerbate the already deep divisions in this Party. It may come across as funny - but right now we need calm and cool heads to prevail.

Also - our own **Ben Cline** was appointed to the House Appropriations Committee late last week. Congrats Ben!

In the run-up to the convention (which will likely be on May 1), we will be having a series of candidate forums in CD 6. There will be one forum for each statewide race. Dates will be set soon.

Thanks from the bottom of my heart to each of you for all the hard work you are doing, and are going to do. It is only with your help that we will take back Virginia!

I remain your servant

S John Massoud

6th District Republican Party Chairman



Upcoming Events:

January 18, VCDL Lobby Day - Capitol Hill in Richmond.

January 23 - RPV State Central Meeting - 10 am - will be broadcast on FB Live

TBD - Candidate forums for the Governor's, Lt, Governor, and AG race. Dates to be determined.



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