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Re: Your Candidate Questionnaire

Dear Ms. Griffin,

Thank you for your recent e-mail enclosing a copy of the Voices for Virginia's Children Candidate Questionnaire. I will not be submitting a response to your questionnaire, but wanted to extend to you the courtesy in explaining why. As a general rule, I do not complete surveys or questionnaires sent to me by stakeholder groups, advocacy associations, and the like. I receive approximately 50-60 such survey requests per year and many of them ask questions that require detailed responses. Also, I often find that the questions posed in those surveys and questionnaires are written in such a way as to pre-suppose a response. While I respect the rights of stakeholder groups to solicit such survey responses, I have found over the years that dialogue about matters of public policy are best addressed through good faith discussions rather than through unilateral response deliveries to questions posed in questionnaires and surveys.

Despite that the fact that I will not be submitting a response to your Candidate Questionnaire, I want you to know that my door is always open both during our Sessions in Richmond and during the course of the year to discuss pending and proposed legislation of interest to Every Voice and its members. I write a number of letters each year such as this one to groups I work with during the legislative sessions because I do not wish for my non-response to be taken as a sign of disinterest in issues that are importance to these groups.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. Randall Minchew". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "M".

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Member, Virginia House of Delegates, 10<sup>th</sup> District