

Thank you for completing and returning the 2013 Congressional Issues Survey. My office received more than 16,000 constituent responses.

I appreciate the wide array of comments on the surveys, which I have read. Your comments agreed with some of my positions, disagreed, offered new ideas, endorsed certain proposals, presented criticisms, compliments, questions, frustrations, and prayers. Each comment represents individual feedback that our democratic republic relies on to make decisions that affect all of us.

Because you responded to the survey, I would love it if you would sign up to receive my e-newsletter and other information by email. To do so, please visit www.morgangriffith.house.gov.

I would like to briefly note two things in response to many of your comments. First, my office chose to send out the surveys by mail so that I could hear from constituents who may not have Internet access in addition to those that do. Your feedback is important to me, and I purposefully did not want to limit it to those who are computer savvy. Second, many of the comments on Question 3 indicated confusion about the wording, which may have affected the responses to that question. Lesson learned. For future surveys, I will redouble my efforts to make the questions clear. Thank you again for your participation.

1. Do you support or oppose adding a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution?

Support – 81 percent Oppose – 19 percent

2. Do you support or oppose allowing exploration for oil and natural gas in the waters off Virginia's coastline?

Support – 83 percent Oppose – 17 percent

3. Do you support or oppose proposals that provide long-term stability to Medicare and Social Security by making adjustments to those programs for people who are currently under the age of 55?

Support – 80 percent Oppose – 20 percent

*** see explanation above ***

4. Do you support or oppose legislation that provides a pathway and a series of requirements for illegal immigrants to ultimately earn U.S. citizenship?

Support – 68 percent Oppose – 32 percent

5. Do you support or oppose regulations enacted by the Environmental Protection Agency that make it harder to mine coal and use coal as an energy source, resulting in higher electricity rates?

Support – 18 percent Oppose – 82 percent

6. Do you support or oppose U.S. military action in order to prevent Iran from acquiring or building a nuclear weapon?

Support – 75 percent Oppose – 25 percent

7. Do you support or oppose passing new laws that would restrict the rights of law-abiding citizens to own and carry firearms?

Support – 20 percent

Oppose – 80 percent

If I may be of assistance to you on any issue, please feel free to contact me in my Washington, DC office at (202) 225-3861. I remain

Sincerely yours,

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Member of Congress