



## Memorandum

To: Republican Candidates for State House  
From: Speaker Glenn Richardson  
Date: May 13, 2008  
RE: Candidate Surveys

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Now that you have qualified for office, you will no doubt be receiving many pieces of advice and counsel. In addition, you will be receiving requests from many various and sundry organizations to fill out questionnaires, signed commitments and pledges.

I highly recommend **you not respond** to any questionnaires and definitely do not sign any pledges or commitments until you have sought counsel from your consultant, other elected representatives and me. Too many times I have seen people who sign pledges and commitments, not fully understanding what they are signing, only to have the action used against them later. Some of the groups distributing surveys are very good and reputable, but many are not. Many that participate in this process are somehow, someway getting money to advance their cause. Their only goal is to use these documents to advance such a cause, not help you.

Again, I would strongly urge caution before you complete any surveys or sign any pledges. If you would like to speak with me before you sign any such documents, please feel free to call me.