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Don't Give Virgil Goode
A Free Ride Back to Congress

In the last matchup between Virgil Goode and Al Weed, Mr. Goode received three votes for every one that Mr. Weed received. The Republicans would love to run against Al Weed again!

There are three issue on which Karl Rove and Virgil Goode are going to give Al Weed his fifth loss in five runs for public office: Immigration, Jobs and Economic Development, and Gay marriage.

ONE: Immigration

You don't need a crystal ball to figure out that the Republicans and Mr. Goode are going to use immigration to drive a wedge between Democrats, Independents, and moderate Republicans.

They will be quick to point out that employers who use immigrant labor, because it is cheaper than American labor, are driving wages and opportunity down for all working Americans.

Virgil Goode will be yelling from the top of every mountain in Virginia that Al Weed's statements admitting use of immigrant labor in his vineyard are part of the problem.

Unfortunately, this issue will in fact drive a wedge between Democrats and our working class and union base of support. What we don't know is how vulnerable Al Weed is on this issue. He's already on the record in this campaign saying that the wine industry could not survive without immigrant labor. Why? Would Americans turn down this work if it paid a living wage, provided benefits and job security?

If Al Weed is part of the problem on immigration it will weaken his support among Democrats and will drive voter turnout down! Without strong and enthusiastic Democratic support, Mr. Weed will not stand a chance against Mr. Goode.

Two: Redefining marriage:

Americans have two competing considerations on the issue of Gay Marriage:

1) We do not want to redefine the term "Marriage"
2) We do not want to deny Gay people their civil rights

Virgil Goode is going to use Al Weed's statements, made in 2004 and this year, supporting the redefinition of the term "Marriage," to rally his base and to scare social conservatives into voting against Weed's support of gay marriage, without any discussion of the competing considerations.

Bern Ewert, with his longstanding record of protecting civil rights in Charlottesville and Roanoke, cannot be beat by Goode on this issue. Bern Ewert stands with most Americans regarding these two important considerations, and he represents an opportunity for Americans to work out, in a fair and reasonable way, our competing concerns about this complex issue.

THREE: Jobs and Economic Development:

In Southside, jobs and economic development are what this election is all about.

Bern Ewert scored a decisive victory over Al Weed in delegates from the heart of Southside because of his long and stellar career creating jobs and attracting economic development money to depressed economies.

Total Delegate Count from 11 counties in the heart of Southside:

	Committed Delegates	Uncommitted Delegates
Ewert	52	20
Weed	29	

The people of Southside are very familiar with BERN'S RECORD OF SUCCESS:

16,000 Jobs and over $400 million In Investment in less than 8 years

Al Weed simply does not have a record of success in creating jobs or opportunity for Americans that can compete with Bern's accomplishments.

Unfortunately, if it turns out that Al Weed is using immigrant labor because it is cheaper, then Virgil Goode is going to drive home the point that such practices are part of the problem this country is having creating good paying jobs with benefits and security for the American middleclass.

Bern Ewert is a Democrat with a record of achievement and a solid base of support in the center of the Party, one that all Democrats can get enthusiastically behind and that will attract Independents and moderate Republicans fed up with the mishandling of America by the Bush Administration.

Bern Ewert Can Win against Virgil Goode!

Together, *We Can Win* in November, take back the Congress, and put America back on the path of greatness and respect.