



To Whom it May Concern:

I am pleased to endorse Mr. Brian Hawley's candidacy for the House seat in District 53. I first met Brian when he was a student at Campbell University. He took my classes on Constitutional Law and Medieval Political thought. As a university professor, I am a man of theory. I teach the doctrines of the great moral philosophers such as Aristotle and St. Thomas Aquinas, and the principles of the American Constitution as formulated by John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and others. I think Brian enjoyed my classes, but I am not certain that he needed them. What is most striking to me about Brian is that, as a man of action, he already practiced, and continues to practice, the virtues and political principles that I teach.

In his *Summa Theologiae*, St. Thomas Aquinas describes in great detail the virtues of a Christian gentleman. At the root of his conception of charity is the notion that God gave the world and its bounty to all mankind. Therefore, those of us who enjoy more wealth and property have a duty to give a portion of our surplus to those in need. This is a duty that a gentleman is to perform himself, without any coercion or encouragement from the government. Brian and his wife, Loru, are some of the most charitable people I have ever met. They give their money and their time to those in the community who need it.

Thomas Jefferson believed that it was best to give local people as much responsibility for their affairs as they could handle, that public services are managed best when the people in each community have a direct role in deciding what those services should be, and how they should be delivered. In his politics, Brian is thoroughly Jeffersonian. He knows that a representative not only acts for his constituents, but also consults with them and involves them in his decisions as a legislator.

I am certain that if we honor Brian Hawley by making him our representative in Raleigh, he will remember Luke 12:48: "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more." He has already proven himself as a public servant. With a position of greater power, we can count on him to do more good.

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