

Candidate: Vern Buchanan

Office: US Congress Dist 16

Party: R

Constitutionally Limited Government: _____

2nd Amendment: TPM Score: 5

NRA rating: A

Buchanan either sponsored or voted for a long list of bills defending the 2nd Amendment. See http://www.ontheissues.org/FL/Vern_Buchanan_Gun_Control.htm

Pro-life: TPM Score: 5

Planned Parenthood Lifetime Score: 0%

Buchanan has a long history of support for life. His votes include: Voted to Prohibit federal funding to groups like Planned Parenthood, voted for banning federal health coverage that includes abortion, voted no to expand research to more embryonic stem cell lines.

http://www.ontheissues.org/FL/Vern_Buchanan_Abortion.htm

Immigration: TPM Score: 5

Buchanan scores A by ALIPAC, Americans for Legal Immigration, a strongly anti-amnesty stance

http://www.ontheissues.org/FL/Vern_Buchanan_Immigration.htm

Fiscal Responsibility: Taxes/Spending TPM Score: 4 _____

Americans for Prosperity (AP) rating: 83%

<http://afpscorecard.org/-state>

Free Market Solutions: _____

Educ choice: TPM Score: 5

- Give parents more choices and less bureaucracy. (Nov 2006)
- Voted YES on reauthorizing the DC opportunity scholarship program. (Mar 2011)

http://www.ontheissues.org/FL/Vern_Buchanan.htm#Education

Healthcare: TPM Score: 5

Buchanan's votes include:

- Repeal the Job-Killing Health Care Law. Obamacare (Jan 2011)
- Establishment of Office of Health Care Fraud Prevention. (Oct 2009)
- Voted YES on repealing the "Prevention and Public Health" slush fund. (Apr 2011)

http://www.ontheissues.org/FL/Vern_Buchanan_Health_Care.htm

Pro-Biz: TPM Score: 5

- NFIB 100%

- National Association of Manufacturers 93%
- Associated Builders and Contractors 100%
- National Taxpayers Union 84% (2010)
<https://votesmart.org/candidate/evaluations/66247/vern-buchanan#.W7LKUWTAqWA>

Buchanan's votes include:

- Voted NO on \$15B bailout for GM and Chrysler. (Dec 2008)
- Voted YES on prioritizing spending in case debt limit is reached. (May 2013)
- Voted YES on terminating the Home Affordable mortgage Program. (Mar 2011)

http://www.ontheissues.org/FL/Vern_Buchanan.htm#Government_Reform

Candidate's Top 3 Issues:

Creating Jobs

Tax Relief for Middle Class Working Americans

Retirement Security

<https://vernbuchanan.com/on-the-issues/>

Total TPM Score: 34

Summary Comments:

Vern Buchanan votes to support the Constitution, cut taxes and promote business. His total score of 34 shows this. Vern Buchanan is consistently pro-life and pro-educational choice saying, "Give parents more choices and less bureaucracy." Vern voted for the tax cuts and supports reforms to save Social Security. http://www.ontheissues.org/FL/Vern_Buchanan.htm

David Shapiro, with a total score of 2, says he wants jobs, but he also wants to raise the minimum wage, which kills entry-level jobs. Shapiro says he wants tax cuts for the middle class, but his friends in the House voted against tax cuts. Shapiro says he wants to protect Social Security, but he doesn't mention that they are going broke or any solution. In essence, Shapiro says what we want to hear, but he doesn't mean it.

A political insider "shadowy group" with ties to the Democrat party is targeting Vern Buchanan, who has a long history of promoting Florida's economy, jobs, and individual rights. They are resorting to lying attack ads that claim, for example, Americans will pay more in taxes under Buchanan legislation; **BUT the report they cite** found "the legislation will REDUCE taxes for the vast majority of taxpayers." <http://www.heraldtribune.com/news/20180707/political-insider-shadowy-group-targeting-vern-buchanan> **We endorse Vern Buchanan for US Congress Dist 16.**

Supporters/Endorsements include:

Florida Right to Life: <http://frtl.org/>

Associated Industries of Florida: <http://www.aif.com/>

Humane Society Legislative Fund: <http://www.hslf.org/>

Other Topics/ Actions/Positions held

Buchanan's votes include:

- Voted NO on Senate pay raise. (Jun 2009)
- Voted YES on requiring lobbyist disclosure of bundled donations. (May 2007)

- Voted YES on protecting whistleblowers from employer recrimination. (Mar 2007)
- Ban stock trading based on Congressional insider knowledge. (Nov 2011)
- Prohibit IRS audits targeting Tea Party political groups. (Feb 2014)
- Repeal automatic Congressional pay raises. (Jan 2009)

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