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I want to thank all of you who participate in the Freedom Leadership Conference and who champion the conservative ideals outlined in your [Thurmont Statement](#) of conservative principles. I will be delighted to address your conference next Thursday as the guest of your co-sponsor, Americans for the Trump Agenda, and I thank you for the opportunity.

Donald Trump's victorious election clearly demonstrated that the American people are looking for a change. Patriots from sea to shining sea stood up last November and declared unequivocally that the status quo of the swamp-dwellers in Washington will not be allowed to continue unchecked. Our political system requires integrity, transparency, and accountability to remain representative of the American public and our Constitutional values. You have been carrying that banner forward for years, and I stand in solidarity with you, as together we fight to restore liberty and

opportunity to this great Republic.

Here in Virginia, we've got a swamp of our own that needs draining. The progressive Obama and Clinton agenda has been rebuffed; now it's time for the McAuliffe and Northam administration here in the Commonwealth to receive similar treatment. For too long, Virginia's government has been more responsive to the graft and pull of cronyism than to the needs of its citizens. That which is good and right has been superseded by the wishes of lobbyists and bureaucrats in the loyalties of our elected representatives.

I believe that my background as an Air Force veteran, defense intelligence and cyber warfare expert, and successful businessman, positions me uniquely to be the confrontational problem-solving Executive that our Commonwealth needs right now. As a political outsider, my personal fight against rampant cronyism and Virginia's crippling tax and regulatory burden gives me the perspective and the "fire in the belly" to make the changes necessary to get Virginia back on the right track.

As a businessman, as a consistent advocate for limited government and economic opportunity, and now as a candidate for Governor of Virginia, my life experience and beliefs are the winning combination that no other candidate for the GOP nomination has. Let's carry on the legacy of the Trump movement by draining our own swamp, here at home in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Thank you all for your consistent and passionate efforts in the preservation and restoration of the freedoms we value so highly. I'll see you in the trenches as we carry the fight forward together!

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