



Randy Forbes

A vision for our communities

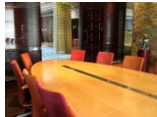
“If you want to measure the strength of America, look no further than the strength of her communities.”

- Congressman Randy Forbes



Building Local Roads, Bridges, and Transportation Infrastructure

Building, expanding, and maintaining a robust transportation network is key to the health of our communities and critical to the quality of life of its citizens. Congressman Forbes has worked to address traffic needs as a result of increased population and has secured millions of dollars in funding for local roads, bridges, bus terminals, and other transportation infrastructure across Virginia’s Fourth Congressional District.



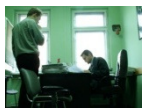
Forming Citizen Advisory Boards on Critical Local Issues

Congressman Forbes believes in partnering with community residents to first listen and then act to address local issues. Through groups such as his Seniors Advisory Board, Veterans Advisory Board, Fort Lee Advisory Board, Farmers Advisory Board and Physicians Advisory Board, Congressman Forbes is building partnerships to take substantive action on local issues.



Equipping Community Law Enforcement and First Responders

Our communities are safest when our local law enforcement and first responders have cutting edge tools that give them a technological advantage to serve you better. Congressman Forbes has worked to bring federal dollars for technology improvements for local law enforcement such as laptop computers, in-car cameras, and hardware and software upgrades. He has also worked to secure funding to increase the effectiveness of local firefighting operations, firefighter health and safety programs, new firefighting apparatus, emergency medical service programs, and fire prevention and safety programs. In short, those who put their lives on the line to ensure the safety of our communities are safer and better equipped.



Working for Federal-State-and-Local Partnerships to Address Illegal Immigration

Congressman Forbes has supported measures that would expand partnerships and information sharing between federal, state, and local law enforcement personnel to deter, detain, and deport illegal aliens convicted of crimes. Additionally, Congressman Forbes has worked to better address the strain illegal immigration is placing on local resources and taxpayer-funded programs.

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Developing Relationships across Party Lines

Strengthening communities begins with strengthening relationships. Congressman Forbes has rejected the one-size-fits-all mentality of the federal government when it comes to dealing with local issues. Over the years that Congressman Forbes has represented Virginia's Fourth Congressional District, he has placed his priority on developing relationships with local leaders – regardless of party affiliation – to bring increased economic development, leverage federal resources, and identify solutions to meet local challenges.



Cracking Down on Gangs and Partnering for Gang Prevention

Congressman Forbes has been a leader on Capitol Hill and in our communities in addressing gang violence. He has introduced federal legislation to aid prosecutors and law enforcement officers in breaking down gang structures in local communities and has partnered with local elected officials to secure funding to develop comprehensive prevention, suppression, and intervention strategies related to gangs and gang-related crimes.



Fighting Cyber-Crime and Identity Theft

Congressman Forbes has been a leader in equipping constituents with information and resources to fight cyber-crime and identity theft and has worked at the federal level to increase penalties for cyber-crime.



Preserving Our Local Historical Treasures

It only takes one generation to lose America's history. Congressman Forbes has partnered with local communities to preserve historical sites and to build and enhance local recreation and park lands.



Establishing Consumer Product Safety Standards

For many parents in today's global marketplace it is an ongoing challenge to ensure the safety of the toys and products they are bringing into their homes. Congressman Forbes has supported legislation that would establish stricter consumer product safety standards and better recall information on the items that are being sold in our communities.



Keeping Technology Hassle-Free & Stopping Child Predators Online

Today's individuals, families, and businesses run on technology. Congressman Forbes has worked to keep the Internet tax-free, to strengthen the national Do-Not-Call Registry, and to stop new taxes on cell phone usage. Today, keeping our children safe on the Internet is just as important as keeping them safe in the community. Congressman Forbes supports zero-tolerance policies towards child predators both on our streets and online.

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