



# Randy Forbes

*& the City of Chesapeake*

## A Partnership for Local Solutions



### Improving Chesapeake's Transportation Infrastructure

Building, expanding and maintaining a robust transportation network in Chesapeake is key to the health of the City and critical to the quality of life of its citizens. Congressman Randy Forbes has been a champion in bringing federal dollars for road and bridge construction in Chesapeake. Projects he has and is working on include the Chesapeake Expressway, the Great Bridge Bridge, the Deep Creek Bridge, Gilmerton Bridge, and U.S. Rt. 17/Dominion Boulevard. Congressman Forbes is also working to ensure that the government places its priority on repairing structurally deficient bridges before taking on less critical transportation projects around the nation.



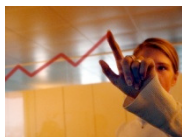
### Championing Innovative Health Care Solutions for Chesapeake Residents

Congressman Forbes is working to bring state-of-the-art health care solutions to Chesapeake. He is partnering with the Children's Hospital of the Kings Daughters to work for funding to bring a Children's Health Center to Chesapeake that will provide pediatric specialists in town for residents. He has also secured funding for high-tech pilot project to provide ongoing treatment, education, monitoring and support for Chesapeake citizens suffering from chronic diseases and he is actively working to secure a Veteran's Health Clinic in Chesapeake so that our veterans have care close to home.



### Championing Strong Shipbuilding and Ship Repair Industries

In his roles as Ranking Member of the House Armed Services Readiness Subcommittee and as Chairman of the Navy Marine Corps Caucus, Congressman Forbes has worked to strengthen the shipbuilding and ship repair industry in Chesapeake – a critical component of the Hampton Roads economy. He has been a key voice in Congress calling for a systematic long-range plan for shipbuilding and he has actively supported measures to build the overall health of ship building and repair industries. He is working towards structural improvements at Norfolk Naval Shipyard, increased funding for ship maintenance, accelerated shipbuilding schedules, and increased production of submarines.



### Bringing Jobs to Hampton Roads through Modeling & Simulation

Congressman Forbes was at the front-end of championing job growth in Hampton Roads through the expansion of the modeling and simulation industry which has brought 4,500 jobs with average \$83,000 salaries and an economic output of \$365 million to Hampton Roads just in 2007. Congressman Forbes founded the Congressional Modeling & Simulation Caucus in Congress and has worked to bring national attention to the vast potential of M&S application in the fields of health care, homeland security, engineering, construction, and defense.



### **Equipping Our Law Enforcement and First Responders**

Chesapeake is most safe when our local law enforcement and first responders have the best technology equipment. Congressman Forbes has worked to bring federal dollars for technology improvements for Chesapeake law enforcements such as laptop computers, in-car cameras, and hardware and software upgrades. He as also worked to secure funding to be used to increase the effectiveness of Chesapeake firefighting operations, firefighter health and safety programs, new fire apparatus, emergency medical service programs, and fire prevention and safety programs.



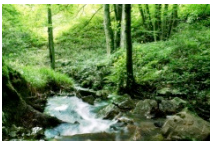
### **Partnering to Fight Gang Activity in Chesapeake**

Gangs have no place in the City of Chesapeake. Congressman Forbes has introduced federal legislation to aid prosecutors and law enforcement officers in breaking down gang structures in local communities and is partnering with local elected officials in Chesapeake to secure funding to develop a comprehensive prevention, suppression and intervention strategies related to gangs and gang-related crimes.



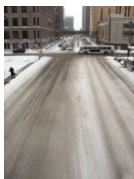
### **Preserving National Historical Treasures in Chesapeake**

Congressman Forbes has partnered with the City of Chesapeake to work to build a Great Bridge Battlefield and Waterways Visitor Center to celebrate the historical significance of the Battle of Great Bridge, a pivotal moment in the Revolutionary War.



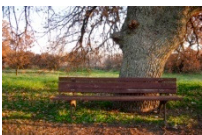
### **Preserving the Rich Historical and Environmental Heritage of the Great Dismal Swamp**

Congressman Forbes has worked in Congress to secure funding to annually dredge the Dismal Swamp Canal in order to continue recreational boating operations on this historic waterway. He is also working with local officials to build a visitors center for the Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge to build eco-tourism and celebrate the rich significance of the Great Dismal Swamp in the Underground Railroad.



### **Partnering to Revitalize South Norfolk Streetscapes**

Congressman Forbes has worked to secure funding for roadway safety, public infrastructure and utilities, and streetscape enhancements such as landscaping, park benches, and undergrounding of overhead utilities in the South Norfolk area of Chesapeake.



### **Providing High Quality, Low Cost Recreation**

Recreation and park lands are important pieces of quality of life in Chesapeake that sustain agricultural and rural heritage roots of the City. Congressman Forbes has worked to secure funding for conservation efforts and parkland expansions such as Heritage Park, and the Dismal Swamp Canal Trail.



### **Preserving Chesapeake's Natural Resources and Water Quality**

Congressman Forbes has worked hand-in-hand to protect our natural resources and water quality in Chesapeake. On a federal level he has partnered with the Elizabeth River Foundation for conservation and clean-up efforts along the Chesapeake Bay and he has worked with local citizens and federal agencies to stop the construction of mega-landfill in Camden N.C that threatened Chesapeake water quality.