



2024 ELECTIONS ENDORSEMENT QUESTIONNAIRE FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY

A&R is a union of over 3,100 professional state employees, including diverse titles such as accountant, attorney, special investigator, insurance examiner, etc. Thank you for seeking our endorsement. Please complete this questionnaire and send via email to lewbutton@yahoo.com.

Name:		Office Sought:		Party:
Home Address:				District #:
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	E-mail:		
Incumbent, Challenger, Open:	If an incumbent, do you hold a position in leadership or a committee chair?	If "Yes", what is that leadership/cmte position?		
Employer:		Occupation:		
Are you participating in Public Financing? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		Have you qualified for Public Financing? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
Do you have a Primary Election Opponent? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		If so, who is your Primary opponent?		
General Election Opponent:		Which Towns are in the District you seek to represent?		
Are you now or have you ever been a union member? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		If "Yes", which union and when?		
Candidate Committee Name:		Candidate Committee Treasurer:		
Committee Treasurer Address:				
Campaign Contact Person:		Phone:	Email:	

1. Why are you seeking A&R's endorsement?

2. Have you held prior elective office? If so, where, what positions and when?

3. What will be your top three priorities, if elected?

4. If you were to model yourself after one or two current or past legislators, who would you emulate (no more than two)?

5. Do you support and will you defend defined benefit pension plans for state employees? YES NO

6. Will you support the rights of state employees to continue to collectively bargain?
 YES NO

7. Are you aware of the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) and its "model bills?" YES NO

8. Have you ever supported as a legislator or as an advocate a bill drafted by or based on an ALEC model bill? YES NO

9. Are you familiar with the Yankee Institute and its efforts to undermine collective bargaining in Connecticut? YES NO

10. Describe your approach to privatization, including the use of public- private partnerships, contracting out, and the privatization of public services. How will you evaluate proposals to eliminate departments, programs, boards, commissions or other entities that deliver public services?

11. Do you support binding arbitration for state and municipal employee collective bargaining contracts? YES NO

12. In any prior elected position, have you voted to reject a negotiated contract or an arbitration award, or have you ever abstained from voting on any such negotiated contract or arbitration award? YES NO

- If “Yes”, please identify which position you held, when that (those) vote(s) occurred, and a short statement as to why you did not support the contract/award.

13. What is your opinion regarding pay, pension, and healthcare as it relates to the retention and recruitment of state employees?

14. Would you oppose any effort to remove collective bargaining of healthcare and pension plans from state employees? YES NO If Yes, explain:

15. Would you oppose any effort to remove health care plans from State retirees?
 YES NO

• From their spouses? YES NO

16. Can we count on you to support and uphold any Labor/Management agreement related to telework for State Employees? YES NO

17. Would you oppose any bill that seeks to legislatively impose state employee telework guidelines/limitations? YES NO

18. Would you commit to working with the labor unions in the event that artificial intelligence affects the job duties of state employees? YES NO