



## **A Spending Problem, Not a Revenue Problem**

Today the Board of Supervisors voted to advertise a tax rate that will raise the average Fairfax County homeowner's tax bill by close to \$100. I voted against the increased rate and I will fight for a decrease in the actual taxes our homeowners pay. I also voted against advertising the return of the decal fee and a 50% increase in the storm water tax. Far too often the Board of Supervisors forgets that the tax burden is already too much for many of our citizens to bear.

Before I joined the Board of Supervisors in 2008, the previous Board, under the leadership of then Chairman Gerry Connolly, doubled homeowner taxes in seven short years from an average of \$2,407 in 2000 to \$4,846 in 2007. In my first year on the Board, as Gerry Connolly was pushing for yet another tax increase, I stood up to the majority and presented an alternative budget that would have cut spending and provided substantial tax relief to our citizens.

My alternative budget in 2008 laid the groundwork for last year's budget where we began to fix the county's spending problem. After a decade of out of control spending, last year, in a bi-partisan fashion, we reduced spending for the first time in recent memory, cutting almost \$100 million out of the county budget and reducing the tax burden while retaining the services most important to our residents.

My record in local government clearly shows that I am a strong fiscal conservative committed to cutting spending and lowering taxes and I assure you that those are exactly the things I will advocate for as your Congressman. I am fixing the out of control spending Gerry Connolly started in Fairfax County, and I will fix the mess he is making in Congress.

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