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David Forbes, Senior News Reporter  
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Dear David,

Thank you for your letter and candidate survey from Mountain Xpress. I greatly appreciate the work you do to keep the citizens of Buncombe County and Western North Carolina informed. However, it is my practice to decline answering candidate surveys, as I believe my extensive legislative service is a more accurate reflection of my views.

As you are aware, I have served in the NC General Assembly for many years. During that time I have taken votes on a variety of issues and engaged in many committee and floor debates. Through these activities, I have made my views known on a large number of topics. Through the legislative process, I also have found that it is difficult to answer survey questions without fully examining the proposed legislation on the specific topic, and having the opportunity to engage in discussions on the issues involved.

Accordingly, I welcome the opportunity for open debate and discussion on issues. However, I must be able to use my best judgment when an issue is raised in the Senate, and consider all of the available information before making a well-reasoned and informed decision.

Thank you for your letter. I am proud to represent the citizens of Buncombe County in the North Carolina Senate and I welcome your thoughts and questions.

Sincerely,

Martin Nesbitt

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