

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to respond.

1. Adult basic education is a right!
2. During the last two decades we have cut taxes more than forty times. We have reached the point that we can't provide basic services, like adult education. We need to adopt a fairer tax system in the Commonwealth, so that we provide the programs that are critical to being a civilized society.
3. You are already doing many things that maximize your services, such as using volunteer instructors, when appropriate.
4. The vision and purpose for adult basic education is to produce informed, active people who can reach their potential despite being deprived of quality education as young people. It is one of my high priorities.