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Representative Joe Armstrong  
Candidate for Tennessee State House District 15  
4708 Hilldale Ln.  
Knoxville, TN 37914

Dear Representative Armstrong:

My name is Tom Anderson and I am the President of United Campus Workers- Communications Workers of America (UCW-CWA). We are made up of over 1,100 higher education staff and faculty who work for Tennessee's public colleges and universities, and are part of the Communications Workers of America, which represents over 700,000 members in the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico. Our mission is to advance and defend the interests of all Tennessee higher education staff and faculty, as well as promoting solidarity, democracy, and advancing social and economic justice in our workplaces and in our communities.

As a candidate for Tennessee legislative office, we encourage you to participate in our 2010 Candidate Questionnaire, which you will find at the conclusion of this introduction. We invite you to answer the following questions to help us better understand your position on the issues that are critical to Tennessee's future. This same questionnaire is being made available to all candidates running for state office in Tennessee, and the results will be made public through our website and newsletter.

If you have any questions regarding this survey, please email <mailto:fairness@ucw-cwa.org> or call 1-877-292-3865.

There are 3 ways you can take this survey. Option one is to go to our website and take the survey via our web form: <http://www.ucw-cwa.org/candidatesurvey>.

Option two is to go to <https://ucw-cwa.org/2010election> and download the survey the survey in Microsoft Word, fill it out, save it and give it a unique name (for instance, "RepXsurvey") and email it back to [fairness@ucw-cwa.org](mailto:fairness@ucw-cwa.org) or print it and mail it back to us.

Option three is to print out the attached survey and fill it out by hand (please attach any extra paper for longer responses) and mail it back to us.

Our mailing address is:  
UCW-CWA  
PO Box 3814  
Knoxville, TN 37927

We look forward to hearing your opinions on these issues. Thank you for all you do for Tennessee.

Sincerely,

Tom Anderson  
President, UCW-CWA

2010 UCW-CWA Candidate Questionnaire

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Tennessee legislative office sought:  
 Please include the legislative district with this submission.

Campaign Website: repjoearmstrong.com

Please list and explain your current occupation, your background, and any other biographical information you would like to share: Elected 1988 - Now Chair of House Health Committee

**Section One- Revenue/ Spending**

The demand for public services, including higher education, is at an all-time high, yet funding for those services is the lowest it's been in years, and cuts are looming. At the same time, major corporations doing business in Tennessee routinely use creative accounting practices to take their profits out of state to avoid paying taxes that fund our state services. Twenty-one states have enacted combined reporting to stop this drain on their state budgets and to level the field for locally owned small businesses.

Do you view Tennessee's budget crisis as one of revenue, spending, or both?

- Revenue
- Spending
- Both

Explain:

Do you see cutting public services to reduce expenses as a better solution than increasing revenue?

- Yes
- No

Explain:

Will you support legislation to (check all that apply):

- Enact combined reporting
- Close corporate tax loopholes
- Eliminate the sales tax exemption for cable television providers
- Eliminate the sales tax cap for single-item purchases

Other: