

**NAME: Richard Dien Winfield**  
**PARTY: Democratic**  
**SEEKING: U.S. Senate (Isakson seat)**

**1. Why are you seeking office?**

I aim to bring to Washington the fight to guarantee us all a decent livelihood, healthcare, a safe environment, an even playing field between employee and employer, balance between work and family, decent housing, access to education at all levels, legal counsel in both civil and criminal cases, and fair taxation. We can overcome the blockages of opportunity that shackle our democracy by implementing a social rights agenda anchored in a Federal Job Guarantee, wiping out unemployment and poverty income, and capped by Legal Care for All, to defend our freedoms.

**2. What do you expect to accomplish if elected?**

I will introduce legislation for a Federal Job Guarantee, offering jobs at \$20/hr; equivalent replacement income to those who cannot work; Medicare for All, with no copays, deductibles, or premiums; d) a Green New Deal achieving 100% clean energy by 2030; fair empowerment of employees with automatic union elections and seats on corporate boards; paid family leave, free public child and elder care, and \$900 monthly child allowances; free tuition and stipends at public colleges and technical schools; banning evictions, foreclosures, and utility turnoffs with payment rescheduling; Legal Care for All, and Federal tax relief for the bottom 90%.

**3. What distinguishes your candidacy?**

I alone support the measures that can overcome our pandemic, economic, climate change, and racial justice crises: a Federal Job Guarantee to wipe out unemployment and poverty income, fair employee empowerment, Medicare for All, a Green New Deal, free child care and \$900 monthly child allowances to support families, federal funding of public schools and free access to higher education, guaranteed affordable housing, Legal Care for All, and relief from all Federal taxes on the bottom 90%. This is no time for political cowardice. We must fulfill our social rights and unchain our democracy or face death, destitution, and autocracy.

**4. Pick any one issue. Expand on how you will address it.**

The American Dream promises the chance to work hard and live well, but the market never guarantees jobs at fair wages. Our government must intervene to offer any willing adult a good job serving our community. A Federal Job Guarantee will organize jobs as needed

that rebuild our crumbling infrastructure, construct green energy installations, bring broadband to all, expand human services like childcare, healthcare, and education, field an army of contact tracers, bring the arts to the public, and more. With fair wages starting at \$20/hr, this public investment will end poverty and revitalize our economy.

### **5. Suggest ways to jump-start the economy after COVID-19.**

We must ensure that everyone has what they need to live safely and prosperously in the post-pandemic world. We must guarantee everyone healthcare separate from employment with Medicare for All. This saves \$1.7 trillion on health care and makes our businesses more competitive by freeing them of contributing to employee health insurance. With a Federal Job Guarantee, we maximize economic growth by giving income to all and making needed infrastructure improvements. With a Green New Deal, we can become a world leader in a vast new energy industry and escape the huge climate-induced economic losses that we otherwise will suffer.

### **6. Background summary**

I grew up in NYC and Roslyn, NY, got my BA at Yale, an MA at Heidelberg, and my PhD in Philosophy back at Yale. Since 1982 I have been teaching philosophy at UGA. I belong to CWA local 3265, which is unionizing our state university system. My wife of 37 years hails from India and practices immigration law. Our three children attended the Athens public schools. In 2018 I ran for Congress in GA District 10. I am the author of 22 books, including a political policy work, *Democracy Unchained*, and I have a podcast, *America Unchained*.