

It's Up to You!

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Most Americans strongly support improving gun safety and fighting climate change. Yet Ted Budd and David Rouzer, who are running to represent Brunswick County in Congress, support neither. Their opponents, Cheri Beasley and Charles Graham, support both.

The recently passed Bipartisan Safer Communities Act is a welcome and positive beginning. It funds mental health, school safety and crisis intervention programs. It also improves background checks and extends protection for victims of domestic violence. Both Budd and Rouzer voted against it. Both received donations from the NRA. Budd actually owns a gun store in Winston-Salem!

Mass shootings are almost a weekly occurrence in the USA. Gun safety in Brunswick County will never improve without a representative and senator who support improving gun safety laws and access to mental health assistance.

Rouzer, our currently serving congressman, scored just 13% on the League of Conservation Voters Scorecard! He voted against every proposal to limit climate change. Budd, who wants to be our next senator, also voted against the climate change proposals. He scored an absolute zero on the same scorecard! Scientists say our planet is rapidly approaching the tipping point when, no matter what we do, climate change will become irreversible. Climate change, and the disaster it will mean for Brunswick County, will only get worse without representatives and senators who take climate change seriously.

If you support improving gun safety and fighting climate change, your only alternatives in November are Cheri Beasley for Senator and Charles Graham for Representative. Both have websites on which you can find information about their support for these critical issues.

It's up to each of us to vote for representation in Congress that truly serves OUR interests, not the special interests of fossil fuel corporations or the NRA. Please act to protect ourselves and our children from gun violence and climate disaster.

Vote for Beasley and Graham on Tuesday, November 8.

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