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I acknowledge receipt of the NC Family Voter Questionnaire.

As an incumbent Judge on the North Carolina Court of Appeals seeking reelection, I respectfully suggest that your questionnaire does not adequately capture what the job of a Court of Appeals Judge entails. I am the Democratic candidate for Seat 1 on the Court.

The North Carolina Court of Appeals is an intermediate appellate court, many times referred to as an error correcting court. As such we are **bound** by the holdings of the Supreme Court of the United States on issues related to the United States Constitution and the North Carolina Supreme Court on issues related to issues regarding the Constitution and Laws of North Carolina. Thus, I respectfully suggest that which current US Supreme Court Justice I most closely align with, or whether I view the Constitution from an originalist perspective or as a living document are not relevant to how I do my job.

I respectfully suggest that how I approach my job can best be determined by the hundreds of opinions, dissents and concurrences that I have drafted in 10+ years as an appellate judge. I am committed to upholding the rule of law, to equal justice under the law, to protecting our citizens' constitutional rights under both the United States and North Carolina Constitutions, including acting as a check and balance on the political branches of government.

I understand that your readers may be interested in my faith background. For over 30 years, I have been an active member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Charlotte. At St. Peter's, I have been a member of numerous committees including the Outreach Commission to assist those in need in the Charlotte community. I have also been elected to the Vestry, as a delegate to the Diocesan Convention of the Diocese of North Carolina, and prior to my appointment to the bench, served as the Chancellor for the congregation.

In lieu of responding to your questionnaire, I would request you convey this as my response to your inquiry.

Sincerely,

Judge John S. Arrowood