

Response by Mayor Carl Camon Democratic Candidate for Governor

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Life sciences economic development:

What is the role of state government in supporting life sciences economic development?

Since life science in and of itself, helps us to understand the behavior of living things and how those behaviors impact our everyday lives, the state should take the lead role in supporting this critical discipline. Our economy is impacted by Life Science because of the research data that scientist provide that help our state make monumental advancements in technology. New technology derived from various Life Science studies have helped in the areas of agriculture, disease prevention, and exploratory medicine. These far reaching advancements have literally saved thousands of lives, and it either directly or indirectly effects all Georgians in one way or the other. As Governor, I pledge my support to Life Sciences Economic Development.

K-16 science education:

How can Georgia ensure that its students will be able to compete for 21st century advanced technology jobs and that our state will have the skilled work force to support life sciences industry growth?

As Governor, my number one priority will be to ensure that any Georgian who desires to have an education will have the opportunity to receive one. In order for Georgia to effectively compete in this Global Economy, we must be willing to invest in education and into the lives of our next generation of young leaders. We will collaborate with our Technical Colleges, and our Colleges and Universities and devise a plan and develop strategies that will prepare our workforce with the skills necessary to support life sciences industry growth. When I am Governor, Georgia will no longer be known as 48th in the nation in Education.

Federal health care reform:

What, if anything, is the most critical need for Georgians when it comes to health care reform?

All Georgians need to have access to safe and affordable healthcare. Affordable and preventable healthcare reduces the probabilities of many of the ailments that attribute to the high cost of care, and to the declining health of many Georgians.