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Republican Indian Committee Discusses Job Creation Ideas with Virginia's Lt. Governor Bill Bolling

The Republican Indian Committee (RIC) met with Virginia's Lt. Governor Bill Bolling to discuss ways in which the State of Virginia can promote job creation, on Monday, January 11, 2010. A picture from the event is at the end of this release.

At the January 6, 2010 meeting hosted by RIC and TiE-DC (The Indus Entrepreneur - District of Columbia chapter), Governor-elect Bob McDonnell told the members that he has Lt. Governor Bolling in his Cabinet as the Chief Job Creation Officer. In fact, McDonnell's first executive order, that will be signed after he is inaugurated, will be a task force to promote entrepreneurship and job creation in Virginia.

At the event on Monday, Lt. Governor Bill Bolling observed, "Governor-elect McDonnell and I would like you [the RIC event participants] to not look in from the outside, but to look out from inside and help us lead this State to success."

Virginia businessman and RIC President, Puneet Ahluwalia remarked, "RIC is honored to offer ideas and solutions to Lt. Governor Bill Bolling about how to keep and attract new jobs in Virginia. Businesses create jobs that grow the economy, and one way the government can help is by lowering the tax burden so businesses can hire more people."

Some of the other ideas proposed by RIC members at the meeting addressed health care, infrastructure, and information technology. Some highlights include:

- **Healthcare:** RIC recommended ideas for reform and more funding for mental health facilities.
- **Infrastructure:** RIC proposed unbundling and privatization of Virginia's port facilities.
- **Information Technology (IT):** RIC proposed the creation of a software park in Virginia with special business tax credits, already being provided by the State, and work programs, internships, and certification programs with Virginia IT firms and local colleges.

The RIC is a political action committee that was recently formed to coordinate and give voice to Indian-American Republicans across the United States of America. The RIC recently launched its website: www.ricpac.org. RIC will be announcing the formation of several State Chapters shortly. Dr. Kamlesh Dave is the Chairman of Virginia's RIC Chapter, and Puneet Ahluwalia is the President of the Chapter.

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Pictured above from left to right are some of the speakers at the RIC-Bolling event: Puneet Ahluwalia, Lt. Governor Bill Bolling, Sam Malhotra, and Joseph Mathew. There were over 40 attendees.