

**Georgia State Lodge  
Fraternal Order of Police**

**2010 Candidate Questionnaire  
Office of Lt. Governor**

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**Party Affiliation:** Republican  
**Education:** Attended Georgia Southern University  
**Political Experience:** In 1994, Casey Cagle was elected the youngest state Senator at 28 years old and was overwhelmingly reelected five times. In 2006, Casey became Georgia's first Republican Lt. Governor.  
**Military Experience:** None

**Question 1: Most important function of government**

As a conservative, I strongly believe that the government that governs the least governs the best. That said, government does have basic responsibilities to its citizens that it must effectively and efficiently deliver. Among those basic responsibilities, two of the most important in my mind are the education and protection of its citizens. Throughout my first term as Lt. Governor and in my 12 years as a state Senator, public safety funding has been a top priority. I have personally maintained a close relationship with Georgia's law enforcement community and without exception keep an "open door" policy for those delivering public safety.

**Question 2: Position on furloughing public safety officers, budget cuts**

In my time as an elected public official, I have consistently been an advocate for cutting wasteful government spending so that we can fund government's core responsibilities, education and public safety. Over the past two sessions, I led the Senate through more than \$3 billion in budget cuts and government consolidation. There is no doubt that the coming legislative sessions present an increasingly challenging budget environment. However, one aspect of the budget I will work against reductions in is public safety. In fact, in the 2010 legislative session, I fought the Governor over proposed cuts to GBI Crime Labs and worked with local community and law enforcement leaders to find a creative and beneficial solution to keep vital labs open.

**Question 3: H.R. 413**

As a state Senator and now as Georgia's Lt. Governor, my focus remains on legislation in the Georgia General Assembly. Throughout my time in public service, I have been committed to programs and spending that increase our state's public safety and will maintain my "open door" policy as it relates to any proposals that have a direct impact on law enforcement the improvement of public safety.

**Question 4: State Boards**

It is the Senate's responsibility to confirm the Governor's appointees. In my role as President of the Senate, it is my intention to ensure that the Governor's appointees share my commitment to Georgia's law enforcement community and share my commitment to their priorities.

**Question 5: Overall vision for Georgia law enforcement**

I consider myself a partner to Georgia law enforcement in the legislature. My vision for Georgia law enforcement is providing the resources necessary to preserve, maintain, and where appropriate grow a capable, fully-staffed, and properly-equipped law enforcement community. Our state faces many budgetary challenges, but law enforcement funding will always remain a personal priority. I believe Georgia cannot grow and attract new businesses unless our state remains safe.

**Question 6: Do you support the death penalty?**

Yes.

**Question 7: Do you support FOP license plates bill?**

Yes.

**Question 8: Loss of rangers/agents/officers/troopers to other agencies**

As with any organization looking to increase efficiency and effectiveness in the current down economy, improving retention of trained staff is critical. In coming sessions, I will strive to work with the law enforcement community in these difficult budget circumstances to reach solutions for their unique challenges, just as I did in the 2010 session in keeping GBI Crime Labs open.

**Question 9: Stance on illegal immigration**

As the federal government continues to ignore the illegal immigration crisis, Georgia and other states must act to do what Washington will not: protect its citizens and enforce its laws. I am working with Senators to pursue legislation in the coming session that will help defend Georgia from illegal immigration. Arizona's immigration reform law was a necessary response to the federal government's total failure to secure our nation's border and confront the issue of illegal immigration in our communities. I support their efforts and believe the law serves as a wakeup call to Washington that this is an issue demanding immediate action. I expect the federal government to enforce the laws of the land, and if they do not, Georgia's law enforcement community and elected officials will.

**Question 10: What makes you the best candidate for this office?**

In addition to my service and partnership with Georgia's law enforcement community, I have been a leader in cutting waste out of government, reducing the budget by over \$3 billion without raising taxes, and creating economic opportunity through pro-growth initiatives. I'm embarking on a major innovation agenda that will carry through coming legislative sessions and beyond. We must ensure our economy moves forward on solid footing. With the world's busiest airport, fastest growing port, and world-renowned research institutions, we have every reason lead new job creation. Innovation also means reforming and improving Georgia's education system. "One size fits all" solutions aren't enough, and children need personal pathways for learning. Each child has unique needs for achieving success, and enhanced flexibility in education is how our kids will realize their American Dream. I am immensely grateful for the trust Georgians have put in me as Lt. Governor, please contact me if I can be of assistance.