

Dear Editor (Bedford Bulletin)

Who would vote for a candidate who plans to eliminate 140000 Virginians' jobs? An August 5th story on Radio IQ reports, "Governor Glenn Youngkin says Virginia's over 140,000 civilian federal employees have little to fear if former President Donald Trump's promise to fire many of them comes true." The Governor is quoted as saying, "There are fabulous opportunities for folks to find a new employer." In this view, workers are treated worse than pawns on a chess board. Their successes, aspirations, families, and places in their communities are completely devalued.

These proposed civil service job cuts are at the core of Project 2025, the Heritage Foundation's blueprint for how to implement Republican goals for a new administration. Think of all the good those people have done for us. Bedford County would not have the Broadband expansion, new emergency equipment, and high impact helmets (to name only a few things) without those civil servants making sure the money allocated by Congress was distributed appropriately.

Fortunately, we have better choices in this election. Kamala Harris, Tim Walz, Tim Kaine, Karen Baker, and Gloria Witt will protect the jobs of all workers and work tirelessly to improve the lives of all Americans.

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