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Youth Governor and Cabinet

Governor's Cabinet

The Governor appoints Cabinet members from those who meet the requirements for the office and who apply. Applications are accepted through the week after Youth in Government.

Cabinet members join the Governor and other officers at the June HI-Y Leadership Summit at Horseshoe. The Officer Leadership Corps reviews the just completed Youth in Government, identifies improvements for the new year, train for their responsibilities and engage other students at the Summit in Youth in Government sessions so they will want to participate in YG as well as return home to encourage others to participate.

The Governor seeks the advice of the Cabinet as the Governor creates a Platform. At the end of the Summit the Governor assigns Cabinet members to head a department and/or area of interest (environment, economic development, safety, education, etc.). Cabinet members are then responsible to become expert in their area.

During the year, at the HI-Y *Building Leaders for Tomorrow* Fall Conference and at Bill/Case Rating the Cabinet serves as resource persons in those interest areas plus advance the position of the Governor on the issues.

At Youth in Government the Cabinet represents the Governor's interests in Committees and with Legislators. Cabinet members listen to Committee hearings and floor debates in their area of interest, act as the Governor's advocate on related legislation, and report to and advise the Governor on legislation that reaches the Governor's desk.

Successful Cabinet members –

- Are informed in the areas they represent
- Understand the legislative process
- Have excellent people skills
- Can work on their own and as part of a team
- Are good listeners and good communicators
- Help others succeed

Ohio Youth Governor's Letter

Zachary Zugelder
2012 Ohio Youth Governor
Ohio HI-Y Youth in Government

June, 2011

Dear Delegates:

Welcome to 2012 Youth in Government. One of the greatest things you can do while at Youth in Government is to step out of your comfort zone and make new friends. Do not be afraid to stand up for what you believe.

Youth in government gives you an interesting opportunity in the entire purpose of a democratic government to make a real impact in your state government and community. You are free to voice your views and this is your chance.

This session helps further your opportunities as you continue on your path to success! I promise if everyone gives the weekend all we have, we will all have a fantastic time.

Thank you for your time and dedication to Youth in Government. I am confident it will pay off!

God Bless,

Zachary Zugelder
2012 Ohio Youth Governor

2012 Ohio Youth Governor's Platform

Zach Zugelder

<p style="text-align: center;">Taxes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Against tax hikes • For tax credits for small start ups • for electric vehicle tax credit • For raising the tax on cigarettes • For taxing pornography • For green energy tax credit 	<p style="text-align: center;">Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For stricter driving laws • For restrictions on weapons • Against lowering the drinking age
<p style="text-align: center;">Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For budget reform • For entitlement Reform 	<p style="text-align: center;">Justice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For more sentencing discretion by judges • For the death penalty
<p style="text-align: center;">Campaign Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Against soft-money • For reform of campaign finance 	<p style="text-align: center;">Veterans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For veteran benefits
<p style="text-align: center;">Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For health care reform 	<p style="text-align: center;">Adoption</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For gay adoption
<p style="text-align: center;">Labor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pro union 	<p style="text-align: center;">Immigration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For immigration
<p style="text-align: center;">Marriage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For gay marriage 	<p style="text-align: center;">Gambling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For casino reform
<p style="text-align: center;">Illegal Drugs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pro legalization of marijuana, regulate it and then tax it. 	
<p style="text-align: center;">Public Transportation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For mass public transit 	

West Virginia Youth Governor's Letter

Varun K. Menon
2012 West Virginia Youth Governor
West Virginia HI-Y Youth Governor

June, 2011

Dear 2012 Youth in Government Delegates,

It is my honor to welcome you to the West Virginia State Capitol and the 55th annual session of West Virginia HI-Y Youth in Government. I am serving as your Youth Governor. During your time here you have the privilege of representing the students of your communities in the West Virginia Youth in Government. The ideas you bring to this session may help further causes in the real government that could have beneficial, lasting results for the people of our state.

For this session to be a success, you must not be afraid to take a stand and speak your mind on the issues that confront you. I strongly encourage all of you to accomplish your agenda for the session, debate on topics of importance, exchange ideas that could help our state, and forge lifelong friendships.

I hope to meet each and every one of you this weekend. If there is anything I can do to assist you, please do not hesitate to approach me.

With the best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, enclosed in a simple oval border. The signature appears to read 'Varun K. Menon'.

Varun K. Menon
Youth Governor of West Virginia

2012 West Virginia Youth Governor's Platform

Varun Menon

Support

- Medical malpractice and insurance Reform
- Salary differential between teachers in different fields
- Increased liberty of counties to set salaries for employees
- Tax code reform
- Tort reform
- Right to work
- Infrastructure development
- Sin taxes on alcohol and drugs
- Recycling programs
- Small business stimulation
- Government deregulation
- Educational reform
- Revamp the health care system and privatize government run medical center
- Clarify the issues of abortion and same sex marriage

Do Not Support

- Teaching to the Westest
- Clear cutting
- Massive social and welfare programs
- Massive deficit spending
- Increasing taxes
- Government regulation of trade and commerce
- Stringent immigration laws
- Mountain top removal
- Pro union legislation