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## **NEWS ... NEWS ... NEWS ... NEWS ... NEWS ... NEWS**

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### **Jefferson Institute Chairman Appointed Special Advisor to Government Reform Commission**

Michael Thompson, Chairman and President of the Thomas Jefferson Institute for Public Policy, was today appointed by Governor Bob McDonnell as one of two Special Advisors to the Government Reform and Restructuring Commission. The other Special Advisor is Bill Leighty, former Chief of Staff to Governors Mark Warner and Tim Kaine. The Governor's news release may be found [here](#).

Thompson commented on his appointment, " This is a testament to work that the Thomas Jefferson Institute has done over the years in the area of government reform. I have known and worked with Governor McDonnell for many years and I know that he is sincerely interested in truly reforming state government, prioritizing programs, and finding more efficient and effective ways to deliver government services. The Jefferson Institute looks forward to helping this effort wherever possible I am humbled by this appointment and I look forward to assisting the Government Reform and Restructuring Commission wherever possible."

On serving as the Governor's Special Advisor to this Commission with Bill Leighty, Thompson commented, " I worked closely with Bill Leighty when he was Governor Mark Warner's and Tim Kaine's Chief of Staff. He is one of the most knowledgeable and practical government experts I have every met and worked with. I look forward to once again working with Bill and the Governor's Commission members and staff in our efforts to bring state government into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. "

The Thomas Jefferson institute for Public Policy is the state's highly respected, independent public policy foundation working in the areas of government reform, improving public education, economic development and environmental stewardship. The Institute has received bipartisan praise for its past work.

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