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## Change the Mascot Releases Statement on Virginia Senate Candidate Ed Gillespie's Ad in Support of R-Word Racial Slur

**Oneida Nation Homelands (Oct. 28, 2014)** The Change the Mascot campaign today released a statement in response to Virginia senate candidate Ed Gillespie touting his support of continuing to denigrate Native Americans with the R-word, a dictionary-defined racist epithet. Change the Mascot campaign spokesperson Joel Barkin made the following statement:

"The last time a Virginia Republican senate candidate actively promoted a racial slur, voters rightly rejected him. As with former Senator George Allen, Ed Gillespie will likely lose the election promoting a dictionary-defined slur, but perhaps there will be a place for him on Dan Snyder's payroll when it is all over."

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