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Would you be likely to support or oppose a bill to:

Raise the sales tax

Oppose

Please explain your position:

If Idaho would eliminate personal and corporate income tax, I would support a 2 cent increase in sales tax as an off set, but I would never vote for a net tax increase in Idaho.

Lower the sales tax

Support

Please explain your position:

I would rather eliminate the income tax as explained above, but would consider a reduction in the sales tax as an alternative

Raise the income tax

Oppose

Please explain your position:

see above

Lower the income tax

Support

Please explain your position:

States with no income tax have higher job growth numbers

Raise excise taxes on tobacco, beer or wine

Oppose

Please explain your position:

Taxes are too high across the board

Lower excise taxes on tobacco, beer or wine

Support

Provide special tax breaks to certain businesses or industries

Oppose

Please explain your position:

Corporate income tax should be eliminated giving both small and large businesses the best opportunity for success. Special tax breaks pick winners and losers.

Repeal special tax breaks to certain businesses or industries

Support

Please explain your position:

Tax breaks won't be necessary if corporate income tax is eliminated

Collect sales tax on Internet sales by participating in the national Streamline Sales Tax Project

Not sure

Please explain your position:

Instead of raising the sales tax 2 cents to offset the elimination of personal and corporate income tax, I would consider taxing internet sales.

Propose a constitutional amendment to require a two-thirds vote of the House and Senate on tax increases

Support

Propose a constitutional amendment to require a two-thirds vote of the House and Senate for fee increases

Support

Eliminate income and/or sales tax exemptions, credits and deductions in order to raise state government revenue

Oppose

Eliminate income and/or sales tax exemptions, credits and deductions in order to lower the overall sales and/or income tax rates

Oppose

Please explain your position:

the production exemption is a legitimate exemption. As long as there is sales tax it should be retained. The same for income exemptions if the income tax is retained

Put in place stronger limitations on government spending in Idaho

Support

Reduce, reform or end participation in entitlement programs such as unemployment insurance, Medicaid and food stamps

Support

Please explain your position:

Employee's should be responsible for their own unemployment insurance. Medicaid and food stamp eligibility requirements need reformed. Too many people are using it as "inheritance insurance." The best way is to have long term care insurance using equity in homes and other savings to provide for the elderly that are poor. As far as food stamps go, it should be a loan program until they can find work.

Expand participation in entitlement programs such as unemployment insurance, Medicaid and food stamps

Oppose

Repeal the use of urban renewal in Idaho

Support

Please explain your position:

Eliminating income tax will provide the stimulus needed for job growth and new businesses. The free market will renew urban areas better than any government program.

Expand the use of urban renewal in Idaho

Oppose

Reform urban renewal by limiting the projects and holding elections for urban renewal commissioners

Support

Ban the Land Board or other government agencies from owning businesses that compete with the private sector

Support

Ban minors from using tanning beds

Oppose

Allow Idahoans to buy health insurance across state lines

Not sure

Please explain your position:

As long as the federal government's role is restricted to making sure the insurance companies fulfill their contracts.

Create a state government health insurance exchange

Oppose

Please explain your position:

Health insurance exchanges are the tool the federal government will use to control the health industry.

Expand school choice options in Idaho including charter schools, public schools and home schools

Support

In general, I believe state government (select one):

Regulates too much, and such regulations should be cut