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

Raise the sales tax

Oppose

Please explain your position:

Idahoans pay sales taxes, property taxes, income taxes, corporate taxes and a host of other taxes. I will oppose any new taxes or any transfer of taxes from one type to another.

Lower the sales tax

Support

Please explain your position:

Again, Idahoans pay enough in taxes. Government must be reduced and the burden on taxpayers must be lifted.

Raise the income tax

Oppose

Please explain your position:

Income taxes tend to be "progressive" in nature. Taxes should be assessed equally, regardless of income, exemptions or other inequalities.

Lower the income tax

Support

Please explain your position:

Both corporate and individual income taxes must be lowered. This will help stimulate the economy. Again, Idahoans pay enough and then some.

Raise excise taxes on tobacco, beer or wine

Oppose

Please explain your position:

If the goal is to deter the use of these vices, there are better methods of doing it.

Lower excise taxes on tobacco, beer or wine

Not sure

Please explain your position:

Again, these are vices. I think that taxes on all products should be equal across the board, if there are going to be taxes assessed.

Provide special tax breaks to certain businesses or industries

Oppose

Please explain your position:

While I understand the goal is to give incentives to businesses to move to Idaho or to increase their investment, taxes should be equally assessed and no one business or type of business should receive special treatment by government.

Repeal special tax breaks to certain businesses or industries

Support

Please explain your position:

I would support this only on the condition that the overall tax rates be lowered. Again, these breaks give special treatment to certain industries. Taxes should be equally assessed and no one should receive special treatment.

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

Oppose

Please explain your position:

More taxes. I oppose any increase in taxes. Part of the reason for an internet sales tax is that local businesses may find it hard to compete. A better way to help local businesses would be to lower sales taxes and lower corporate taxes, rather than harm the citizens by forcing them to pay more in taxes.

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

Support

Please explain your position:

Legislators must be responsible in their proposals of taxes. While we may have a majority in the legislature that have kept tax increases at bay, it may not always be the case. Protection of Idahoans from tax increases is important for the future. Making it more difficult for government to oppress citizens is always a good idea.

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

Support

Please explain your position:

Same as above.

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

Oppose

Please explain your position:

I am not interested in raising state revenues on the backs of citizens. Again, if this were to be done, it should be done with the goal of maintaining or lowering current rates overall. I do believe that all taxes should be equally assessed across the board.

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

Support

Please explain your position:

All taxes must be equally assessed. If this would do so, while lowering the overall impact on Idahoans that would be ok. However, if there is a net increase, I will oppose it.

Put in place stronger limitations on government spending in Idaho

Support

Please explain your position:

Government likes to spend. Government should spend money only on essential services and not on services that benefit only certain people.

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

Support

Please explain your position:

These programs must be reduced, reformed and eventually returned to private citizens, non-profits and charitable organizations. Government unconstitutionally redistributes wealth in these programs, destroys the incentive to be productive and unnecessarily burdens taxpayers. The elimination of unemployment insurance, for example, would allow an employer to pay higher wages, and/or higher more employees that will produce goods and services, rather than continue to pay someone for unproductivity.

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

Oppose

Please explain your position:

No one is entitled to the property of another, which these programs promote. I will oppose expansion of socialist programs and work towards the elimination of socialism in Idaho.

Repeal the use of urban renewal in Idaho

Support

Please explain your position:

Let the free market decide how or if they choose to renew urban areas. I do not believe government should be involved in renewing anything that the free market can and should do itself.

Expand the use of urban renewal in Idaho

Oppose

Please explain your position:

Again, less government involvement in individuals or businesses.

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

Oppose

Please explain your position:

I oppose it only because I want to see its elimination. However, if elimination is not possible, reform that strictly limits projects is a good start.

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

Support

Please explain your position:

Governmet should never compete with private industry. Many of the current government actions could and should be privatized.

Ban minors from using tanning beds

Oppose

Please explain your position:

What should happen is that parents must give permission. It is parents responsibility. However, if parents choose to let their minor children use the beds, again, it is the parents' responsibility.

Allow Idahoans to buy health insurance across state lines

Support

Please explain your position:

Let the free market loose. Idahoans should be able to purchase whatever type of health insurance that they choose, from wherever they choose it.

Create a state government health insurance exchange

Not sure

Please explain your position:

Again, free market principles should be at work. Government, at all levels, should not be involved in the health care business.

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

Support

Please explain your position:

Parents are the ultimate authority on their children. If parents choose to send their children to charter schools, parochial schools or educate them at home, the state should be supportive of that choice. We should allow for as many options as can be created.

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

Regulates too much, and such regulations should be cut

Please explain your position:

The amount of regulations and laws are voluminous. Citizens and businesses cannot be expected to follow all such regulations and laws. They are too numerous to be followed perfectly and to be enforced perfectly. Regulations add cost of time and money to individuals and businesses.