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

Raise the sales tax
Oppose

Lower the sales tax
Oppose

Raise the income tax
Oppose

Lower the income tax
Support
Please explain your position:
The legislature already lowered the personal income tax rate from 7.8 to 7.4 and the Corporate rate from 7.6 to 7.4. No lower tax rate is needed at this time.

Raise excise taxes on tobacco, beer or wine
Support
Please explain your position:
It costs the state of Idaho's Department of Health and Welfare tens of millions of dollars each year to treat lung cancer and other smoking related diseases. It is fair and correct policy to tax cigarettes to generate funds so that smoker's pay for diseases directly related to their own smoking habit. That will free up other General Funds and other Federal monies for other necessary Health and Welfare needs.

Lower excise taxes on tobacco, beer or wine
Oppose

Provide special tax breaks to certain businesses or industries
Support
Please explain your position:
I support incentives as long as they do not provide an advantage to one particular business over other businesses.

Repeal special tax breaks to certain businesses or industries
Oppose

Collect sales tax on Internet sales by participating in the national Streamline Sales Tax Project
Support
Please explain your position:
These are Use taxes that are already in code and should be paid to the State of Idaho, but rarely does anyone pay use tax. In order to be fair to our bricks and mortar businesses, we need to collect internet sales tax (currently Use Tax) to level the playing field.

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

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

Eliminate income and/or sales tax exemptions, credits and deductions in order to raise state government revenue
Oppose
Please explain your position:
There are some tax exemptions that need to be reviewed and repealed, but not the production tax exemptions.

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:
There are some tax exemptions that need to be reviewed and repealed, but not the production tax exemptions.

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:
Not eliminate any of them, but certainly eligibility requirements, extent of usage and fraud need to be addressed.

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

Repeal the use of urban renewal in Idaho
Oppose

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
Oppose

Ban minors from using tanning beds
Oppose

Allow Idahoans to buy health insurance across state lines
Support

Create a state government health insurance exchange
Not sure
Please explain your position:
Let's see how the Supreme Court Rules on the Health Care Mandate later this year.

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