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

Raise the sales tax

Oppose

Please explain your position:

I appose **ALL** new fees, levies, assessment's, or tax by any other name.

I also appose the *Local Option Sales Tax* . There is not a funding issue there is a need for proper allocation of available tax revenue.

I have signed the Tax Protection Pledge from American's for Tax Reform.

Lower the sales tax

Support

Please explain your position:

Data from other states supports indicates lowering the sales tax will almost always generate a greater total sales tax revenue due to consumers making a greater quantity of purchases.

This also supports local businesses over internet sales, as consumer's will be less likely to purchase over the internet to avoid the states sales tax.

I am of the opinion that government generally does more that it needs to and so should be able to support essential budget items with less tax revenue.

Raise the income tax

Oppose

Please explain your position:

I do not believe Idaho have a tax revenue deficiency. Proper allocation of available revenue is the issue.

Lower the income tax

Support

Please explain your position:

I am of the opinion that government generally does more that it needs to and so should be able to support essential budget items with less tax revenue. There is ALWAYS waste that can be eliminated.

Raise excise taxes on tobacco, beer or wine

Oppose

Please explain your position:

I view these as "sin taxes" that are an attempt to control behavior through taxation. This also hurst small independent businesses and distributors who supply them.

Lower excise taxes on tobacco, beer or wine

Support

Please explain your position:

I support the taxation of ALL consumable products (food, alcohol, tobacco) at the same rate.

Provide special tax breaks to certain businesses or industries

Support

Please explain your position:

If you mean breaks for an entire business industry, then yes. It would also depend on the particular industry, such as medical research, energy.

Repeal special tax breaks to certain businesses or industries

Not sure

Please explain your position:

I would have to know more specifics to be able to comment. But perhaps depending on the particular plan.

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

Oppose

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

Support

Please explain your position:

Gives more power to "We the People" through our representatives.

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

Support

Please explain your position:

Gives more power to "We the People" through our representatives.

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

Not sure

Please explain your position:

It would depend on which deductions are and exemptions would be eliminated and how uniformly they would be applied.

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:

I am of the opinion that government generally does more that it needs to and so should be able to support essential budget items with less tax revenue.

Put in place stronger limitations on government spending in Idaho

Support

Please explain your position:

I would like to see the people have an even stronger voice in legislation that would have a significant financial impact on the general population.

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

Support

Please explain your position:

Local charities and faith groups have the greatest accountability and most comprehensive affect on those who need this assistance.

Unemployment insurance matters should be a matter of personal budgeting by each individual.

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:

A business friendly environment and community pride is the best weapon again urban blight.

Programs like "Paint the Town" are great outreaches to promote community pride and keep our towns welcoming to new business and new citizens.

Expand the use of urban renewal in Idaho

Oppose

Please explain your position:

Agenda 21 is a direct attack on our state sovereignty.

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

Oppose

Please explain your position:

All such matters should be presented to the taxpayers for a up or down vote.

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

Support

Please explain your position:

This is in conflict with a "Free Market" system. Those agencies are not investing with their own money, they are investing taxpayer funds.

Ban minors from using tanning beds

Not sure

Please explain your position:

I think minors should be required to have a parental consent release so that parent are informed as to their minor child's participation in an activity that could have long term detrimental consiquences.

Allow Idahoans to buy health insurance across state lines

Oppose

Create a state government health insurance exchange

Oppose

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

Support

Please explain your position:

I would also support a tuition tax credit allowing individual taxpayers to direct a portion of their state tax to the education institution of their choice.

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

Regulates too much, and such regulations should be cut

Please explain your position:

The bigger the government the smaller the citizen .