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

Raise the sales tax

Oppose

Please explain your position:

With the present state of our economy we should not be raising taxes at this time.

Lower the sales tax

Not Sure

Please explain your position:

I am in favor of a balanced budget. If our expenses are in line and we are meeting our needs leave taxes alone.

Raise the income tax

Oppose

Please explain your position:

No need and would negatively effect the consumer.

Lower the income tax

Support

Please explain your position:

Might be a good idea to help stimulate consumer spending.

Raise excise taxes on tobacco, beer or wine

Not sure

Please explain your position:

Would depend on were the tax increase was used and how.

Lower excise taxes on tobacco, beer or wine

Oppose

Please explain your position:

No need.

Provide special tax breaks to certain businesses or industries

Not sure

Please explain your position:

Would depend on the tax break. Tax breaks may help bring new industry to our state.

Repeal special tax breaks to certain businesses or industries

Oppose

Please explain your position:

No need.

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

Support

Please explain your position:

Why would internet sales be different than local sales?

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

Not sure

Please explain your position:

Need more information but sounds reasonable.

Please explain your position:

Depends on fees. Again, sounds reasonable.

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

Not sure

Please explain your position:

Need more information. Do we need to raise state government revenue or lower expenses?

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

Not sure

Please explain your position:

Need more information.

Put in place stronger limitations on government spending in Idaho

Support

Please explain your position:

Always in favor of looking at ways to cut expenses if needed.

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

Support

Please explain your position:

Not sure about ending participation but never a bad idea to look at reductions or reform.

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

Not sure

Please explain your position:

Would need more information about the, "why the need expand."

Repeal the use of urban renewal in Idaho

Oppose

Please explain your position:

I believe URDs are a good tool for economic growth if used correctly-wisely. I know it helped bring Choboni to Twin Falls and will create 5-800 or more eventual jobs. Amazing!

Expand the use of urban renewal in Idaho

Not sure

Please explain your position:

Not sure what is meant by expand? More areas in Idaho? Expand authority, no.

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

Not sure

Please explain your position:

May be a possibility?

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

Support

Please explain your position:

I support privatization.

Ban minors from using tanning beds

Oppose

Please explain your position:

Parental decision, not the government.

Allow Idahoans to buy health insurance across state lines

Not sure

Please explain your position:

Need more information. If it lowered premiums and provided adequate coverage, why not.

Create a state government health insurance exchange

Not sure

Please explain your position:

I would certainly support state government health over federal government health if the numbers made sense.

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

Support

Please explain your position:

Nothing wrong with educational options that work.

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

Regulates too much, and such regulations should be cut

Please explain your position:

It seems all we do is work hard to create new laws? Required control of tanning beds for minors, required ultrasound, requiring The Words. More government control (requiring) doesn't sound like FREEDOM to me?