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

Raise the sales tax

Oppose

Please explain your position:

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I personally favor a Fair Consumption Tax over a Flat Income Tax, because an income tax hurts investment by taxing pre-investment. If an earner chooses to save and invest their disposable income, having sales consumption based tax allows for earnings without taxation. When that person spends their money, they are taxed at that time. Obviously I am for elimination of dividend and capital gains taxation. Eliminating income taxes promotes investment and savings. It also provides for additional disposable income, improving the economy. On the federal level I would expand tax-free savings accounts such as 401(k), IRA’s, HSA’s (health savings), and 529 college savings plans.

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Raise excise taxes on tobacco, beer or wine

Oppose

Please explain your position:

I would eliminate all "special" taxes and replace with a single fair flat tax equal for all consumers as explained above, lowering taxes overall.

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Support

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Provide special tax breaks to certain businesses or industries

Oppose

Please explain your position:

"Tax breaks" are another way the government intrudes in the free market. If the market is truly free, with no government favorites, it will flourish. The government tries to compel us to move towards a specific

industry or energy or business group through regulations and special tax breaks and fees. Free means free.

Repeal special tax breaks to certain businesses or industries

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

Oppose

Please explain your position:

See above explanations on my thoughts concerning taxation.

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

Support

Please explain your position:

I absolutely support this amendment to curtail the governments runaway spending. I would also require 2/3 of the States ratification as well (on Federal level).

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

Support

Please explain your position:

I absolutely support this amendment to curtail the governments runaway spending. I would also require 2/3 of the States ratification as well (on Federal level).

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

Oppose

Please explain your position:

I would not eliminate an exemption or credit or deduction to **benefit the government** . I would do so in a broad plan to eliminate and reduce taxes, make a single flat taxe equal for all, and to cut government spending; thus I would support the elimination of exemptions in that case. See above explanations on my thoughts concerning taxation.

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

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Put in place stronger limitations on government spending in Idaho

Support

Please explain your position:

Taxpayers should be able to track their money, dollar-for-dollar, when the government spends it. Elimination of waste, inefficiencies, duplication, and special interests will reduce the budget of the Idaho government directly. Every agency, department, entity within the government can make cuts, consolidate, and save money. Each state agency must be evaluated for efficiency and effectiveness and conduct recommended audits. It will take transparency and a vigilant public, with fiduciary responsible legislators, of which I am and will be when elected. I support legislation that will privatize agencies which can be better managed as private entities.

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

Support

Please explain your position:

I call for workfare, not welfare. The government's function is not to make or keep citizens dependent on the government. Rather, self-responsibility should be encouraged, promoted, and required. Welfare and other social entitlement programs must be managed with a minimum of bureaucracy and with the goal of helping all recipients *return* to a self-supporting and fruitful life. I believe in public oversight commissions over health and welfare programs, not government bureaucrats. Idaho's community and social programs should emphasize parental responsibility. The cycle of dependence must stop. Entitlement programs can be reduced and eliminated through education, a vibrant economy with job opportunities, and individual and family responsibility.

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

Oppose

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Repeal the use of urban renewal in Idaho

Support

Please explain your position:

I am for the repeal of Urban Renewal Districts. Urban Renewal Districts do nothing more than interfere in the free-market. These districts are not always "urban" and are a governmental intrusion. They have

been established without citizen approval, many times “developed” at the expense of taxpayers. Let the free-market decide when and where to develop and not play favorites.

Expand the use of urban renewal in Idaho

Oppose

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

Support

Please explain your position:

I am against Urban Renewal Districts. If however, for your question’s response, URD’s are to continue, then absolutely let the taxpayer have the say of yes or no a district is established and also let the taxpayer vote on who makes these decisions on URD status. Urban Renewal Districts do nothing more than interfere in the free-market. These districts are not always “urban” and are a governmental intrusion. They have been established without citizen approval, many times “developed” at the expense of taxpayers. Let the free-market decide when and where to develop and not play favorites.

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

Support

Please explain your position:

It is not the government’s role to be involved in the free marketplace. The government would pose an unfair competition to private business. An open market, free of the government’s intimidation, competition, intrusion, or interference, is crucial to Idaho's economy. The government should maximize the freedom of commerce between players in the open market, not be a player in the market. The

government already places excessive regulations, rules, and fees which interfere and handicap entities in the marketplace. This interference restricts businesses' abilities to interact, damages dynamic industries, and represses consumer choice. If the government is in the market place along with having the repressive regulations on private entities, it is beyond unfair. Again, it is not the role of the government to be actively involved in the free market.

Ban minors from using tanning beds

Oppose

Please explain your position:

I understand the dangers of skin cancer. My wife and father-in-law both have had melanoma. It is a scary and horrible disease. However, I do not need the government to tell me not to go tanning. It's called personal responsibility. Once the line is crossed, where does it end? Next the government will be weighing kids as they enter school, inspecting kids' sack lunches (oh wait, that has been done in North Carolina), checking for proper kids' use of flossing? Personal responsibility and parental responsibility is the line, not government intrusion. I believe in education by private entities, not government agendas. For example, I am the Timberline Head Swim Coach. Each year the team participates in a charity. This past year we chose skin-cancer awareness and teamed up with MISTI. We promoted the awareness campaign on our own at swim meets. It was not mandated by the government, it was our choice. That's how America is supposed to be: personal responsibility.

Allow Idahoans to buy health insurance across state lines

Support

Please explain your position:

I absolutely support Idahoans having the ability to buy health insurance anywhere in or out of Idaho, just like other goods and services in a free market. It is not the government's role to be involved in the free marketplace. An open, free market where citizens have true choice anywhere in or out of Idaho, free of the government's intimidation, competition, intrusion, or interference, is the only health insurance purchasing plan I support.

Create a state government health insurance exchange

Oppose

Please explain your position:

It is not the government's role to be involved in the free marketplace. A government exchange is not free market; it is more government intrusion, regulation, and restriction. An open, free market where citizens have true choice anywhere in or out of Idaho, free of the government's intimidation, competition, intrusion, or interference, is the only health insurance purchasing plan I support. I support privately owned and operated exchanges, not government exchanges. The government should maximize the freedom of commerce for consumers in the open market, not be a player in the market.

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

Support

Please explain your position:

I believe in and support expanded school choice. The most effective education system is the system closest to the people. The quality of education is maximized through competition and parental choice. Just as in a free-market economy, competition breeds quality and improvements. The government has had a monopoly that is inefficient and wasteful.

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

Regulates too much, and such regulations should be cut

Please explain your position:

All of my answers above clearly explain my opinion on how harmful, costly, and repressive government regulations are. The government hinders the free market, the economy, is inefficient at running practically all its agencies, and has no understanding of financial responsibility. Please see my above responses in whole.