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

Raise the sales tax
Oppose

Lower the sales tax
Support
Please explain your position:
It would be good to lower or remove the sales tax on most food.

Raise the income tax
Oppose

Lower the income tax
Support

Raise excise taxes on tobacco, beer or wine
Oppose
Please explain your position:
These taxes do help cover costs to police underaged use of tobacco and alcohol, which I support. There is also some interest in changing the way these taxes are assessed and collected. So, there might be revenue-neutral changes in the law regarding these taxes which I could support.

Lower excise taxes on tobacco, beer or wine
Support
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Provide special tax breaks to certain businesses or industries
Oppose

Repeal special tax breaks to certain businesses or industries
Support

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

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

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

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:
If the net result was revenue-neutral or a revenue reduction, I might support fewer exemptions to get lower rates.

Put in place stronger limitations on government spending in Idaho
Support
Please explain your position:
We should have a Constitutiional Compliance Statement along with the Fiscal Statement for every piece of legislation considered by the House and Senate.

Reduce, reform or end participation in entitlement programs such as unemployment insurance, Medicaid and food stamps
Support
Please explain your position:
The government should continue to provide a safety net of help for our fellow citizens who need help. These programs need to be managed in a fiscally responsible way.

Expand participation in entitlement programs such as unemployment insurance, Medicaid and food stamps
Oppose
Please explain your position:
The government should continue to provide a safety net of help for our fellow citizens who need help. These programs need to be managed in a fiscally responsible way.

Repeal the use of urban renewal in Idaho
Support
Please explain your position:
Urban renewal laws definitely need to be reformed or repealed. I could suppport reform that included a shorter list of eligible projects and more transparency. Without those changes, I have to support the repeal of urban renewal laws. Having been involved in local government for many years, I appreciate urban renewal as tool for city revitatlization. However, it has created way too many unexpected and wasteful projects.

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

Ban minors from using tanning beds
Oppose

Allow Idahoans to buy health insurance across state lines
Support

Create a state government health insurance exchange
Oppose

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