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### General Legislative Questions:

1. Please list your top three priorities if elected to the State Legislature.
  1. Find a solution for tax relief to benefit our over-taxed citizens.
  2. Do what I can to help with the legislature's responsibility of creating a balanced budget by working to control state expenditures.
  3. Provide insight of ways to reduce state expenditures by eliminating or combining costly administrative expenses.
  
2. In your view, what are the top three challenges currently facing the Meridian community?
  1. Transportation grid-lock
  2. High-density growth without the supporting infrastructure
  3. Tax burden to property owners
  
3. What would you do to address those issues?

Try to put more dollars into transportation.  
Find a fair, equitable, and predictable solution to reduce property taxes. Many states have significant general fund support for infrastructure.
  
4. Please describe your philosophy on education and how you interpret the state's role as outlined in the Idaho State Constitution "to establish and maintain a general, uniform and thorough system of public, free common schools"?

The State does have a constitutional mandate to provide K-12 public schools, which they do. More of the education dollars should be used for teachers and direct support of classrooms and less for duplicate, high-paid administrators.

5. Please rank in order from 1-8 the priority you would place on the following legislative issues:

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| <u>7</u> | Economic Development                           |
| <u>6</u> | Education                                      |
| <u>8</u> | Healthcare Policy                              |
| <u>5</u> | Local Government                               |
| <u>4</u> | State Operations                               |
| <u>2</u> | Tax Policy                                     |
| <u>3</u> | Transportation                                 |
| <u>1</u> | Other (Please Identify) Executive rules review |

6. What separates you from other candidates running for the State Legislature?

I believe I have the experience to work with my fellow Senators, on both sides of the isle, to accomplish what needs to be done. I am knowledgeable about the legislative process having been involved with it for almost two decades. I have established good working relationships with members of both the House and the Senate.

**Specific Legislative Issue Questions:**

7. What are your thoughts to bring a solution to the high rise in property taxes?

I believe consideration should be given to adjusting the home-owners exemption. It is also important to assist our fixed-income & low-income senior citizens by changing parameters of our existing circuit breaker program.

8. How do you propose to manage the growth that our state is experiencing?

I believe new development should pay for the necessary infrastructure increase. I think it's a mistake to zone what has been farmland into high density apartments. When property is transitioned from agricultural to residential, infrastructure should be in place; a two-lane farm road cannot handle a lot of traffic.

9. With that growth comes challenges for our transportation infrastructure to keep pace, how do you propose we approach the transportation issues?

We worked last year to increase transportation revenue but HB325 was vetoed due to the economic downturn.

10. Do you support the Tax Reimbursement Incentive as a tool to stimulate economic development?

Yes or No

Explain: I have concerns about potential unfair tax advantages between Idaho companies. Reduced tax rates and overhead costs for operating a business, across the board, would be more equitable.

11. Do you support Local Option Tax authority for cities and counties?

Yes or No If yes, for what purposes would you support it and what, if any, specific requirements do you feel should be in place? If no, why not?

My concern is in regards to unwittingly pitting Idaho businesses against each other, especially if they are in close proximity to one another but in adjacent taxing district boundaries. Our border communities already have to deal with neighboring states that don't have any sales tax.

12. Do you believe the Idaho's tax structure is competitive with other states?

Yes or No If no, what specific changes do you support to making it more competitive?

We have opportunities for improvement. Most neighboring states do not have sales tax on groceries. We must stabilize property taxes. We should reduce income taxes.

13. Do you support the building of needed K-12 schools by bonds or other mechanisms related to growth?

Bonds or Other

Explain: I believe if new development would pay to support the growth they bring it would go a long way toward solving the K-12 school problem.

14. How do you feel about the State of Idaho's response to the pandemic and the closure of non-essential businesses?

I think the Governor had his heart in the right place in managing such a difficult situation. Critical actions include a balanced approach regarding public health safety and consideration for our businesses and the economy. Areas without significant Covid-19 events should be open and practicing good public health guidelines.

15. What do you see as the greatest challenge the coronavirus pandemic has created for Meridian?

The greatest challenge to Meridian is the restrictions and controls this has put on our small businesses resulting in their loss of income, their loss of employees, and even the potential closure of businesses. I think we need to objectively evaluate and follow reasonable public health guidelines while operating our businesses.

16. How can the legislature help Meridian businesses recover from the damage caused by the coronavirus pandemic?

We need to make sure emergency situation restrictions do not change our way of life moving forward. We will have to diligently study all the post-pandemic information and practical implications to find creative ways to improve business opportunities.