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Q1

Describe your overall philosophy toward the role of state government as it relates to business and industry.

The State Govt. should work to attract new business, then enforce applicable rules and regulations.

Q2

What do you bring to the office you seek? Specifically, what have you built, improved, or changed for the benefit of your community or business?

Retired military, I have driven truck, sold real estate, substitute school teacher, had my own firewood business and am a landlord. I was also Director of operations at a non-profit, where I made many significant improvements and I am very active in community affairs.

Q3

Please list any groups, associations, or non-profits in which you are an active member or volunteer such as civic groups, labor organizations, advocacy groups.

Board of directors for Bright Horizons, President of Indian Rocks Ruritan Club, also do volunteer work at Library

Q4

West Virginia is facing many challenges. What do you consider to be the most important and critical challenge that threatens our state and what is your plan to alleviate this threat?

Opioid abuse which has placed over 7000 children into foster care. We have to educate our young and give hope to our disadvantaged. I do have a plan, but probably will outrage the ACLU, so I won't advertise it just yet.

O5

During the 2020 Legislative Session, SJR 9 and SB 837 moved in the West Virginia Senate, but fell short of the votes needed to move to the House of Delegates. The intent of the effort was to allow West Virginians to vote on a constitutional amendment to phase-out/repeal of manufacturing inventory, machinery, and equipment tax, business inventory, and tax on passenger vehicles while making local governments and schools whole. Please describe your ideas for addressing this issue which requires a change to the West Virginia Constitution.

This is an important tax for schools and communities, I would not vote to end it unless something else was in place to provide this revenue.

Q6

What ideas do you have to help build our state's economy and improve West Virginia's position in competing for investment and job growth?

We have to improve in education, health care, opportunities and infrastructure. To do this, I propose legalizing recreational marijuana. it is better we legalize it before all the states around us do, to keep our money from leaving the state.

Q7

Use of and addiction to opioids in West Virginia and our region have reached crisis levels. This is a problem being recognized not only at the state level, but at the federal level. What ideas do you have to help stop this devastating trend in our state?

OK. But don't tell the ALCU.. I would like to see convicted drug abusers (addictive drugs) given a choice. 10 years in prison or birth control. This would apply to men and women.

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Racial justice and equity, LGBTQ rights and gender equity are important factors for many current West Virginia employers, companies that consider moving to our State, and employees who may consider relocating to West Virginia. How would you address these issues to recruit and retain companies and employees for whom this is a priority?

As far as I'm concerned, this shouldn't be an issue. Everyone should be treated equally and the state should strictly enforce laws that support this.

Q9

What are your specific ideas related to developing a diverse and skilled workforce in West Virginia?

Have representatives attend transition classes for people leaving the military, with the mission to sell them on or state and offer assistance with finding a job and place to live.

Q10

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection proposed a rule for the 2021 Legislative Session to adopt a portion of US EPA recommended human health criteria which established limits for certain environmental permits. The WVMA is actively involved in ongoing discussions related to these criteria and supports the WV DEPs approach to establish an active work group to further evaluate these important measures. Please describe your position on the proposed rule.

I am an environmentalist. We need to get serious about saving our world. we need to be in the forefront of the climate change fight. Lots of jobs in that area also.

Q11

Please describe policies that you believe may be helpful in balancing state regulations and environmental rules while maintaining a competitive atmosphere for industrial job growth and investment?

As far as I am concerned, the environment comes first. If a company cannot operate without polluting, then it shouldn't be operating.

Q12

What would you like to share with our members that we have not asked?

How about, "MY granddaughters think I'm wonderful."

Q13

Would you be available for an interview remotely or in person?

Sure.

Q14

Where may the WVMA follow you on Social Media? Please list social media handles including Facebook, Twitter, and others.

I have a facebook page that I'm not on very often, because most users are annoy me. duane bragg for the house of delegates district 41

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