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Q1

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

As little regulation as possible, allowing businesses to work freely.

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?

I currently study Economics at West Virginia State University, so I'm always looking into the economic impacts different factors have on businesses in WV.

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.

Holly River State Park Foundation
Richwood Chamber of Commerce
ALEC
NCSL
WVSU SGA

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?

Business Inventory and Equipment Tax. Solution is to eliminate them

Q5

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.

I fully supported the plan put forth this year and think it is one of the best routes forward.

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?

I think the best ways to find these ideas for growth is to talk directly o the job creators and see what they need to accomplish these goals. The only way we can achieve growth and success in the business world, is to work with them and not against them.

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?

I think that the Adult Drug Courts that were implemented are a tremendous help. Investing in recovery and prevention programs is the best way to start chipping away.

Q8

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?

I do not support "The Fairness Act" and think that employers should have discretion to hire someone based on factors that they see fit except those factors currently covered under the civil rights act.

Q9

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

Investing more in trade schools, and making sure children are aware of the opportunities available in trade at an earlier stage in education

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 would need to look into this more and talk to my colleagues. I usually consult with Del. Geoff Foster on anything rules, and I very much value his opinion.

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?

I trust job creators and business leaders across the mountain state to do the right thing when it comes to employment and protecting our environment. I would work with them to develop the best path forward.

Q12

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

WVMA has been great to work with over the past 2 years, and I'm excited to continue that work into 2021-22

Q13

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

Yes

Q14

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

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