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**Q1**

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

I believe that the government should support an atmosphere in which business can thrive. The private sector brings job and economic growth and the government has its role in creating a business friendly state. We support laws to protect business owners and workers to create a prosperous state moving forward.

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**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 have helped local governments with deciding on infrastructure issues. I have attended as many local council meetings of the 11 towns/cities in my district to support sound policies to bring industry and jobs to their towns.

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**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.

N/A

**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?

The drug and opioid crisis. We have to free our brothers and sisters in this state from the bondage of addiction. We must create opportunities for those with addictions to get help if they are seeking to be free. We need more community activities and locations so that our youth stay busy instead of seeking illegal ways to fulfill their energy. We educate and equip all of our students so they have purpose when they graduate and they do not fall into the traps of laziness where it begins the road to curiosity. Busyness is one of the best ways to keep children and young adults from involving in drugs. We support extracurricular activities like sports, band, and clubs. If we can open up the amount of available skilled workers we can attract manufacturing and business to West Virginia.

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**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 would support this bill. I believe we are one of the only states that still has this policy in use. I think it would make West Virginia more competitive and phasing out the inventory tax slowly is the best way to avoid fiscal downfalls.

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**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 can reform our tax system to incentivize businesses to come and form in the Mountain State. I am glad that retail jobs are here but we need manufacturing and new industries to come to West Virginia. I will support legislation that will equip more students with the ability to be trained in Vocational Education. I want more students with a diverse skill set to serve multiple needed positions if possible. We can incentivize students to seek post secondary education in the Mountain State and when they graduate we will have jobs for them instead of them forced to leave to a neighboring state. It is all about making West Virginia more business friendly and the private sector will want to start here and build here.

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**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?

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**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 believe everyone should be treated with dignity and respect and that we are all equal. I emphasize equal and that means no person should be given any special privileges over another. I support making sure everyone is safe and seen as equal in the workplace and in the law but no one should be favored over another.

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**Q9**

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

I support High School students to gain a post secondary education. I think we can support monetarily those degrees and skills which are desired by employers in the Mountain State. Criminal Justice reform for non violent offenders to be rehabilitated and exit the system with a purpose. The purpose and skillset to serve their community and society with a job that is desired. We can save ourselves money by not only equipping them with skills for the workforce but they would be much less likely to return to the system.

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**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 also support looking into the rules. I believe that if it would limit economic and job growth than I most likely would not be in support of that proposed rule.

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**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 believe that West Virginia has to be prepared to diversify their energy industry. We will not always have coal. I wish we could but it's not going to always be a source of revenue for our state. I support being environmentally responsible without being over regulatory. As long as the industry is not willfully and intentionally harming the environment or the communities they live in it must be viewed on a case by case basis on the regulations imposed. I don't believe that regulation is always the answer. I think most companies are responsible enough to formulate their own stances and policies to ensure public opinion is high and they are supported by their communities they operate within.

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**Q12**

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

I am a supporter of small and cost effective Government. I believe that government has a proper place in society but that it should be very limited. I am Pro jobs and Pro industry. I support bringing a diverse workforce into the state and will do anything within my power to ensure West Virginia is prosperous.

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**Q13**

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

Either could be viable.

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**Q14**

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

Facebook @McIntireForDelegate

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**Q15**

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**Q16**

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