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Q1

Identity-Please fill out the indicated fields.

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Party Affiliation:	Democrat
District:	37th

Q2

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Q3

Education & Experience-Please fill out the indicated fields.

High School Attended (Ex: School name, city, & state)	Bluefield High School, Bluefield, WV
Colleges Attended & Degrees Obtained (Ex: Marshall, MBA)	Brigham Young University. BA & BS. VA TECH, Masters in Education & Advanced Masters in Administration
Current Employer & Job Position (Ex: WVMA, Director of Operations)	Retired Educator but still manage my business part time
Describe your current job & responsibilities	Owner, Telephone Answering Service
How long have you worked for your current employer?	Educator, 25 years and business owner for 24

Q4

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

State Government should be an arm for progress that assists business and industry grow and prosper.

Q5

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 am a public servant who sits on or see has sat on more than a dozen county government, civic, and artistic Boards and Commissions. I am extremely involved.

Q6

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.

Lions Club

Co. Manager, 4PALS Productions , School Administrator, Teacher, Travel Agent, Mercer Co. Planning Commission, Bramwell Theatre Corp. Summit Players, President of Mercer Co. Fire Board, Pres of BLUEWELL Improvement Association, Litter Control Organizer, Committee to restore Historic Granada Theatre raising 4.2 million! And several more.

Q7

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?

Infrastructure

Q8

Do you support the passage of Amendment One on the November 2022 General Election ballot? The measure provides the legislature with the authority to repeal or phase out tangible personal property in the future, this includes tax on personal vehicles, small business inventory, and tax on manufacturing inventory, machinery, and equipment.

Yes. It hopefully will help business and industry grow.

Q9

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?

Tax incentives. Trained labor force by increasing vocational school training, less income tax to name a few

Q10

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?

Education, more funding for mental health, and offering good jobs to those who choose to stay and grow in WV

Q11

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?

We are way behind in freedom for all people. We are all more alike than different. Number 11 answer could fit here as well

Q12

What are your specific ideas for addressing workforce skills gaps in industry? Specifically, with the growth of manufacturing jobs in the state and need for diverse and skilled labor, what are your ideas to prepare the state's current and future workforce for manufacturing jobs.

Offer more training in high school and vocational school. More\$\$\$ for training programs.

Q13

What are your ideas for improving outcomes in the state's K-12 public education system?

This is a tough issues. Our schools are totally out of sync.

Professional educators have lost control of teaching truth, civics, history, and tolerance. We need a big pow wow with parents to ease their concerns.

Q14

What ideas do you have for incorporating a focus on STEM education in our public schools and how could industry engage to support increased workforce learning models in middle and high schools, as well as career and technical education centers (vo-tech)?

We need to get professional business and industry folks to get involved in the educational process as well.

Q15

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?

Diversification

Work together for the common good meaning compromise and working together.

Q16

What do you think West Virginia could do to promote energy diversity including the growth of renewable energy sources in the state?

The strip mine sights are perfect for energy diversification. Remove the coal, develop the site for wind, solar, and commercial sites.

Q17

Many corporations have established environmental, social, and governance criteria. How would such goals impact your decision making on relevant policy issues as a member of legislator?

We have to look at each project individually. Each project is different in needs and goals.

Q18

If you could work on a single piece of legislation to help support manufacturers with in the state of West Virginia what would it be? and Why?

Less regulation if it means growth with the hopes that environmental issues are agreeable.

Q19

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

Yes

Q20

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

Facebook. Under Skipknows the37th and skip crane
