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Q1

Identity-Please fill out the indicated fields.

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District: 22

Q2

Contact Info-Please fill out the indicated fields.

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Q3

Education & Experience-Please fill out the indicated fields.

High School Attended (Ex: School name, city, & state): Cabell Midland High School
Colleges Attended & Degrees Obtained (Ex: Marshall, MBA): Marshall, BA
Current Employer & Job Position (Ex: WVMA, Director of Operations): Tri-State Business Machines, Sales-Service-Supplies, INC; Information Technology Director
Describe your current job & responsibilities: Manage IT Operations, Procurement, Employees
How long have you worked for your current employer?: 10 years

Q4

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

Government provides certainty in the law, regulation, and tax policy to allow business and industry, within the bounds of the constitution, to invest, employ, grow, and thrive.

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 have and continue to employ people and understand what it takes to sign the front of a paycheck.

Over the last 5 years in office I have supported and championed many of the policy proposals which have resulted in historic investment, employment, and growth for the state of West Virginia. Those include tax policy, employment policy, infrastructure investment, and much more.

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.

Rotary Club of Milton, Keith Albee Performing Arts Theater Board of Directors, Cabell-Wayne Beekeepers Association

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?

Population loss is the single biggest challenge we face. It has historically been caused by a lack of opportunity to find gainful employment, support a family, and plan for retirement.

My plan is to continue to provide a welcoming environment for capital investment, jobs, and industry. Part and parcel of this work is reforming education to meet the needs of employers and demonstrate excess capacity to grow. Regulatory certainty and nimble decision-making with clarity as to the requirements for permitting and construction are also critical.

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.

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?

Repeal of the taxes covered by Amendment One, fiscal restraint in the growth of base-building budgetary spending, reduction of the personal income tax, and results-based governmental accountability in our governmental institutions and departments.

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?

To break the trend we must bring opportunity for prosperity back to West Virginia. We are making progress here. Additionally, we must not import problems from other states and instead must care for our own to the best of our ability.

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?

There are two primary factors to address these issues - first is in the law, wherein we must treat everyone equally. Under the constitution, none should be more equal or less equal than another under the law. The second is in the public discourse where all involved must judge people on merit and the content of their character.

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.

We must implement and continue to support our results-based higher education funding formula, wherein performance the measure and determinant of funding based upon three factors:

1. Graduation
2. Gainful Employment
3. Remaining in West Virginia

By doing this, we will not need to micro-manage our institutions of higher education. They will be rewarded for producing graduates prepared for the opportunities available in West Virginia.

Q13

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

Performance incentives and parental flexibility.

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)?

I believe that policy from a state level should encourage partnerships with the private sector to tailor curriculum and experiences for our students.

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?

To the degree possible, we should take primacy from the Federal government in any federally-mandated regulatory schemes so that the regulators are answering to us. Additionally, the State should build a body of public regulatory information which lowers the cost and documentation of prior regulatory work which allows for expedited review and certainty in cost and complication.

Q16

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

West Virginia simply needs to follow the market to provide the diversity in generation customers desire with the lowest possible cost of energy.

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?

How an individual private company wishes to manage itself is up to them. The State of West Virginia, however, must act in the best interest of the stability fiscal soundness of our state and our economy. My decision making has been and will continue to be focused on that.

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?

In the near-term, that is and will be the repeal of the Personal Property, Equipment and Inventory tax which very negatively impacts manufacturing, warehousing, and distribution.

Over the long term, infrastructure improvements are the key.

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.

@DelegateDaniel on Twitter

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