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Q1

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

The role of state government should be minimal but we need to look for ways to encourage growth.

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 brought attention to the changing economy - the need to expand and diversify our offerings. I work with businesses everyday to craft plans for growth.

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.

Rotary

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?

Complacency. I have addressed this by bringing attention to new forms of job creation and stressing the vast assets that we already have in place.

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 developing a plan to alleviate WV of this tax

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 we need to shift our focus away from the old way of thinking. We need to embrace change and be unafraid to jump into futuristic endeavors that create jobs. We also must leverage the strengths we have - manufacturing, gas, energy, expansion of the storage hub, etc.

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?

We have to change the way we approach substance use disorder. Providing care and recovery instead of prison time will lead to better reentry and chances of success.

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?

All human beings should be treated fairly.

Q9

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

It must be training which starts with the education system K-12 and follows the pupil and their interest throughout the process. The best thing we can do for business is have the best education system.

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.

We need to have the conversation.

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?

Safety must be the priority but recognition that we have employers in WV that put safety first must also be applauded.

Q12

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

Nothing

Q13

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

Yes

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