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Q1

Identity-Please fill out the indicated fields.

Candidate Name: Jay Taylor
Office Seeking: State Senate
Party Affiliation: Republican
District: 14th

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): Grafton High
Colleges Attended & Degrees Obtained (Ex: Marshall, MBA): WVU - Computer Engineering, MBA
Current Employer & Job Position (Ex: WVMA, Director of Operations): Waseyabek, Supervisor
Describe your current job & responsibilities: Supervise employees on contract
How long have you worked for your current employer?: 6 years

Q4

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

Deregulate and small government. Stay out of the way.

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?

My advantage will be that I have worked with legislators on many issues and would be already known. I'm a Conservative, Pro-Life, 2nd Amendment, Right sized Government, Republican. We need to get government out of the way of businesses so that we can thrive in these new times. Good quality infrastructure should be governments main focus. Not over burdensome regulations that drive off opportunities.

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.

Deacon and AV Manager at Beulah Baptist,
Youth Sports Coach and Board member.
Grafton Lodge #15.

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?

Keeping government out of the way and making sure we have good infrastructure for businesses to thrive.

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. This must pass and have been campaigning for it.

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?

Lower taxes. Keep government where it is supposed to be.

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?

There are no simple answers here and we need an all around response since everyone is different. Educating our children early on about the dangers, helping the victims with rehab, allowing the faith community to be part of the solution, cracking down hard on dealers especially those that go after minors. We must be proactive.

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?

They can do what they want. Keep government out of their business.

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.

One of the most important things government is required to do, yet do not seem to do it well. Have we gone for quantity over quality with cheap contracts that constantly have to be redone? Our roads need better. Broadband fits in here and we need to make sure we're still on top of ever changing technologies by removing red tape for development. Holding companies accountable for past broken promises is a must.

Q13

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

Overtime pay for teachers will fix so many issues. It is time to get this done. Allowing parents choice will always be my vote and helping homeschoolers instead of hindering them should be our goal. Our bloated top heavy state Department of Education needs cut, and money spent locally.

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)?

Once we pass the school board amendment this fall we can certainly have the ability to help guide the State BOE in this direction.

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?

Keep government out of the way.

Q16

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

Keep government out of the way.

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?

They can do what they want. Keep government out of their business.

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?

Do away with business inventory tax.

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.

<https://www.jayforwv.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Jay-Taylor-for-WV-467397886784853/>

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