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**Q1: Describe your overall philosophy toward the role of state government as it relates to business and industry.**

to create an atmosphere that promotes business and industry to come to our state with the least amount of rules and regulations

**Q2: 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?**

a lack of industry that creates jobs a source of Revenue and to create and create an atmosphere that promotes job growth in our state

**Q3: What ideas do you have to reverse the trend of job loss and help facilitate job creation in West Virginia?**

continue to promote West Virginia as a state that has the natural resources the location and the willingness to revamp our codes strikeout outdated laws and create a court system that will encourage industry and job growth in our state

**Q4: During the 2016 Legislative Session, the West Virginia Legislature passed Senate Bill 1, which makes West Virginia the 26th state to adopt a Right-to-Work law. Do you support the passage of SB 1?**

Yes

**Q5: Enacting legal reform has been a centerpiece of recent state legislative efforts. In general, what are your thoughts on the legal reforms that have been passed? Are there additional legal reform bills you would like to see?**

we have remove a number of outdated rules and regulations and have put in a sunset rule on others and I would like to see tort reform continue with a intermediate Court of Appeals

**Q6: Use of and addiction to illegal drugs in West Virginia is reaching what most are now calling, "crisis level." 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?**

create job create job opportunities so that people have a reason to get up and a purpose in life and I would like to see harsher penalties for out-of-state drug dealers we need to continue to write legislation that encourages our doctors to use other drugs prescriptions as opposed to the opioids

**Q7: During the 2016 Legislative Session, the West Virginia Legislature failed to pass HB 4012 known as the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. Would/did you support this or similar legislation for future passage?**

Yes

**Q8: 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?**

4 years of experience in the legislature knowing how to cross party lines to create job opportunities preserve job opportunities I have offered bills as the lead sponsor that preserved some cold jobs in Greenbrier County I have author deals that would have created economic opportunities for our state and I have offered deals that have protected citizens of our state all to the benefit the citizens of West Virginia

**Q9: What three agencies or departments in state government do you feel should/could be eliminated and why?**

I do not have three agencies that could be eliminated or even should be intimidated but they are numerous agencies such as the Department of Education the highway department DHHR that should be examined in their budgets and excess Monies 4 programs that do not have benefit to the sound management of our state need to be cut accordingly just as we have attempted to do in this 82nd legislature

**Q10: What did we not ask that you would like to offer?**

I plan on being a part of the legislature that continues to move West Virginia forward through the policies that we have adopted in this republican-controlled House and Senate with the addition of gaining the governorship

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By phone

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**Q1: Describe your overall philosophy toward the role of state government as it relates to business and industry.**

I consider myself a limited government Conservative Republican and I also identify as a Free Market Capitalist. I want to cut red tape and empower businesses and investors to create jobs and be successful.

**Q2: 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?**

Businesses create jobs, revenue, and generate economic growth yet we fine them for their mere existence? I believe that we should eliminate the business tax in order to compete with other states, such as Wyoming which has no business tax and is rated the best state in which to do business. Eliminating the tax on business will create more jobs for West Virginia by freeing up much needed money for small business owners to expand their business and lower prices.

**Q3: What ideas do you have to reverse the trend of job loss and help facilitate job creation in West Virginia?**

First we must reform our regulatory and judicial climate to ensure that we are not regulating our businesses to death. Second, we should put business first, we don't need another bureaucratic committee on how to make things happen, we need to get government out of the way and let the people lead.

**Q4: During the 2016 Legislative Session, the West Virginia Legislature passed Senate Bill 1, which makes West Virginia the 26th state to adopt a Right-to-Work law. Do you support the passage of SB 1?** Yes

**Q5: Enacting legal reform has been a centerpiece of recent state legislative efforts. In general, what are your thoughts on the legal reforms that have been passed? Are there additional legal reform bills you would like to see?**

I favor legislation that would limit medical lawsuit awards to actual dollars paid by a plaintiff not outrageous sums of cash awards used as a penalty.

I also support creating West Virginia's own court of appeals to create another barrier in hopes of keeping us from a judicial "hell hole" status.

**Q6: Use of and addiction to illegal drugs in West Virginia is reaching what most are now calling, "crisis level." 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?**

Our current system places addicts in the regional jail with no treatment program and I think that's unacceptable. For starters I support sending addicts who want treatment to a private facility like The Prester Center, Recovery Point, The Light House or other capable facility versus jail. We know that it's half the cost versus the regional jail and about one-third versus the state. So it's clear we can reduce our costs almost immediately.

These facilities aren't presently able to receive all the state funds they need for treatment and I am proposing we use a portion (40%) of the money saved and help pay for the rehab of our family, friends and neighbors because that's who they really are.

I also want to see those who are released from a treatment facility, get help with job training and placement. Too often, people are released into low wage environments and let's be honest, transportation, fuel, insurance, rent, meals, etc. are all expensive and on \$9.00 an hour that won't work with people hiring mostly part time. #ThanksObama

I want to work with businesses and provide a tax credit when they're willing help teach a trade and get them a paycheck. The argument has been made about Trade Schools and while I believe Trade Schools are under utilized, the goal is to get these people into a job, get a steady pay check and be productive part of society quickly not have them wait and take on debt.

While we are talking about treatment, we need to be discussing punishment for drug dealing, which I propose a 5-10 year minimum sentence for their first offense, these people need to be removed from society swiftly instead of the current "catch and release" policy.

**Q7: During the 2016 Legislative Session, the West Virginia Legislature failed to pass HB 4012 known as the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. Would/did you support this or similar legislation for future passage?** Yes

**Q8: 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've been a retail manager for years and have seen first hand how hard working families are struggling to make a budget and if we managed things the way that our current legislators do we would lose our house. We can't afford to send the same ineffective people back to Charleston. Ask yourself what the people you have voted for have accomplished and if your children or grandchildren can't find a job here or make a decent wage, then it's time to change the diaper. I will take action and will make the economy my top priority, no excuses. I am willing to make the tough calls even if they aren't popular.

Also, I am working on a business venture with friends, light manufacturing. As this progresses I am sure it will help me better serve you all in the future.

**Q9: What three agencies or departments in state government do you feel should/could be eliminated and why?**

I support DMV reform, similar to that of Ohio. Eliminating costly yearly inspections. I don't know if we can cut the entire agency all at once or phase it out over time. As a limited government Conservative, I am open to suggestions on this front. The real question is how can I better serve you in the future?

**Q10: What did we not ask that you would like to offer?**

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**Q12: Would you be available for an interview by phone or in person?** In person, By phone

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 Copy: Mr Justice, Mr Cole, Gov Tomblin, Sen Manchin, Sen Capito, WV media  
 Dear Ms. Randolph ..... 6-18-16

In answer to your questionnaire; you & I, & all candidates, should prioritize and devote most of our energy until election on q-3 **"ideas to create jobs in WV?"**

**WV economy is in crisis, therefore, I believe it is critical that we, lay out a bold agenda, that will create at least 50,000 good jobs, as soon as possible.**

The most feasible way to do that is to build & repair our highways & bridges. Engineers say (NYT) that modest political plans address only 10% of need.

We need layout a bold plan for voters asking their approval for long term financing options. So, come January we may build a consensus to put a plan in motion. (WV'ns have a history of approving road bonds when given the facts.) As an energy state, where WV miners have paid dearly to keep the nation's lights on, we need really push the next president/congress for an extra bonus for highways.

In 1956 a (R) minority president & (D) majority congress, united and asked citizens to share cost & invest in interstates, leading to the largest public works project in history. As a young legislator, Democrats & I, asked WV'n to approve bonds to match & they did. Building roads helped WV grow jobs/income in the 70's on par with the US, not seen, before or since.

*I believe to grow, personally, family, business, or community, we must be efficient. However, saving 3 > 4% alone, is not enough. To grow on any level, we must make big investments in education, travel, & infrastructure.*

Based on interstate & Appalachian corridor experience; my legislative experience of asking WVn's to approve bonds. Based on my 50 years of building 000s of homes, as manufctr with 100s of employees, dozens of villages, \$400 million in real estate; Based on my family & bsns experience, a 50+year quest to be more efficient, less wasteful & more productive, enabling an extra 1000 threshold families buy affordable, efficient homes. Based on my 50+ year search for \$millions to invest in my business; my search for \$\$\$millions of mortgages for families to invest in a home, I found, We can't grow by saving alone, 'we must invest to grow!'

Those who believe that "caution and cut" will grow WV 's future, should show voters specifics, as to how that works. If, you believe Mr Laffer can "cut & save" and grow WV in a year, ask him to show us! Show us, where & how his advice has helped states like Kansas & explain how deficits, down shifting taxes & growing income inequality by \$28,000 tax cuts to well off Kansans works for WV.

As, I said, I have been a manufacturer of thousands of homes, creating hundreds of jobs, and I do understand some of your concerns, but for now, I encourage you and all WV leaders **focus like a laser on creating jobs & soon.**

Ms Randolph, *If, you agree, I invite your support.* I need all the help I can get since the 47<sup>th</sup> was targeted with \$100,000 dark out of state money in 2014.

**Respectfully, Ken Auvil, Barbour/Tucker 47<sup>th</sup> Dist, Belington, WV 26250**



Rebecca

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Can we grow our future by efficiency & belt tightening, alone? .... ©kalrev 6.10.16

..... Or do we need to do both ... Save & Invest to grow jobs & WV's future?

Should we "caution & cut" like Senator Cole & his majority? or should we pursue a growth agenda like minority leader Senator Kessler? (its your choice)

For 2 years, WV's majority has offered few solutions to grow WV. Nickel & diming it has led to budgt crisis, raid on savings & stagnation. (In DC, House/Senate majorities, have criticized & obstructed, have, nickel/dimed it, but have proposed few ideas)

Take one critical "jobs & growth" issue, highways/bridges and you decide! For 2 years, the majority party has focused on waste alone, while 3 year old "Blue ribbon plan" to fix potholes, roads & bridges & create jobs, is ignored.

In 1956 a (R) minority president & (D) majority congress, united and asked citizens of the 50 states to share cost & build interstates. Our investment led to the largest public works project in history and helped grow WV jobs & income in the 1970s, not seen, before or since.

Now, history is in reverse. A (D) president proposes a major program to repair and build roads & the (R) majority opposes, as WV & the nation's infrastructure crumbles. .... But, cursing the darkness or each other doesn't work! To grow, we work together! →

Based on interstate & Appalachian corridor experience; based my legislative experience of asking WVn's to approve bonds. Based on 50 years of creating 000s of homes, 3 factories, 100s of employees, dozens of villages, \$400 million in real estate; Based on my family & bsns experience, a 50+ year quest to be more efficient, less wasteful & more productive, enabling an extra 1000 threshold families to buy affordable, efficient homes. Based on my 50+ year search for \$millions to invest in my business; my search for \$\$\$millions of mortgages for families to invest in a home, I found, We cannot grow by just saving; we must invest to grow!

To grow, personally, family, business, or community, we must be efficient, save for the things we need; but, saving 3 > 4% alone, is not enough. To grow on any level, we must make big investments in education, travel, & infrastructure.

I ask your support to Save & Invest to grow jobs & WV's Future!

I need your help & your vote to help grow WV & the 47<sup>th</sup>. By referral, by asking others to register & vote, by hosting a MTC coffee & issues, a town hall, send 10 postcards for Ken; stamps, \$\$donation to fight \$100,000 out of state \$\$ ambush of 47<sup>th</sup> again. I ask your ideas/advice to help me, represent you, better!

Ken  
Ken Auvil ... Candidate for your 47<sup>th</sup> District house seat. 304.823.2533  
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PS: I will always treasure support of my 12 year independent record as WV's youngest legislator. Your 60%+ support empowered me to stand up, speak truth to power, fight corruption, protect state workers, WV state forests and the environment and your support helped me & you, to vote for & make investments that grew WV jobs like never before.

# To the Supreme Court of the United States

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*The right to vote in free elections has given us the greatest democracy on earth!*

By your **Citizens United** decision, you put our vote and our democracy up for sale, have elevated wealth and corporations above individual rights and freedoms, and:

Are undermining our Declaration that all men are created equal.

- Are abetting suppression; compromising the sanctity of "one man, one vote" and majority rule.
- Reduced political discourse to gossip by fostering unlimited negative advertising, thus polarizing and weakening decision making by the elected, who—like deer in headlights—fear taking a stand.
- Reduced our courage, lowered expectations, and rendered a gridlocked congress, mired in the muck of Citizens United that quibbles over minutiae, *while the country's priorities go ignored.*
- Elevated money over people, riches over rights, so the elected are less responsive to voters.
- Violated our sovereignty by allowing foreign donors into our elections.
- Violated state and minority rights by subjecting elections to interstate commerce.
- Enabled a part-time pastor of "Grow West Virginia"—in 90 days—to raise a **million out-of-state dollars**, and—in 21 days prior to election—spend it to ambush voters in 19 districts with a cloud of doubt, half-truths and fear, buying control of the West Virginia's House.
- Made it easy and legal for out-of-state landlords and donors to buy our government.
- Turned government into a market, with commissioned fundraisers selling influence and favor.
- Invited unprecedented political corruption—*far more dangerous than Watergate.*
- Opened wider the door to economic tyranny, and hastened the drift toward inequality.
- Elevated the half-truth and the put-down; sown mistrust, doubt, and fear; and aroused our darker angels and our worst, negative instincts.
- Made it possible for almost **anyone**, from almost anywhere, to buy an election!

By majority rule, civilian control of the military and separation of Church and State, we have avoided perpetual conflict. By your Citizens United decision, you have subordinated democracy to the whims of capitalism, the worst instincts of business, and put us at the mercy of corporations and billionaires.

Our founding fathers would be ashamed and outraged with your Citizens United decision. It is in their names and of freedom-loving Americans, that we ask you **to reconsider and reverse it.**

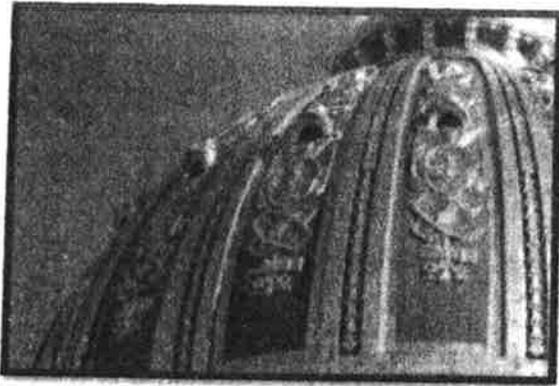
Until then, our vote, our democracy, our rights, and our freedoms are at risk—*and, up for sale.*

Ken Auvil, Citizen    © ka/2015  
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### 2016 General Election -- Legislative Candidates' Questionnaire

This survey has been sent to you by email. Please complete the survey on line if at all possible. Deadline to return is June 20, 2016.

Please complete the following.

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#### Questions:

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

Govt. needs to stay out of the way of  
business/industry. Low taxes, simple and reasonable  
regulations, port reform.

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?

Horrible job climate - Cut taxes, cut regulations,  
continued port reform - bold reforms like becoming  
a no income tax state, eliminate inventory tax, etc. also

What ideas do you have to reverse the trend of job loss and help facilitate job creation in West Virginia?

Also, fight EPA, states stand up to Fed. govt. 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment!

During the 2016 Legislative Session, the West Virginia Legislature passed Senate Bill 1, which makes West Virginia the 26<sup>th</sup> state to adopt a Right-to-Work law. Do you support the passage of SB 1?

Yes Voted & worked for RTW passage  
 No

Enacting legal reform has been a centerpiece of recent state legislative efforts. In general, what are your thoughts on the legal reforms that have been passed? Are there additional legal reform bills you would like to see?

WV has a much better legal climate after the last two sessions, but we still have much work to do. (e.g. Rider Insurance leaving the state)

Use of and addiction to illegal drugs in West Virginia is reaching what most are now calling, "crisis level." 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?

Severe consequences for drug dealers. Faith-based ministries helping addicts.

During the 2016 Legislative Session, the West Virginia Legislature failed to pass HB 4012 known as the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. Would/did you support this or similar legislation for future passage?

Yes Voted & worked for RFRA  
 No

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?

Helped build 300 unit, family-owned storage facility. Own storage facility. Worked 5 yrs in insurance business.

What three agencies or departments in state government do you feel should/could be eliminated and why?

State Bd. of Education - localize  
Dept. of Education - localize  
Dept. of Rev. - Transfer duties to Treas.  
Dept. of Commerce - They do what?

What did we not ask that you would like to offer:

We need bold tax/regulation reforms!

Would you be available for an interview by phone or in person?

Yes - 304-916-2177

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. You may FAX to (304) 342-4552 or scan and e-mail it to Rebecca McPhail at [rebecca@wvma.com](mailto:rebecca@wvma.com). Completed surveys may also be mailed to:

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The deadline for returning completed surveys is June 15, 2016.

Please feel free to attach any campaign material you have when returning this survey.

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**Q1: Describe your overall philosophy toward the role of state government as it relates to business and industry.**

State government needs to support business and industry, and in my opinion, the best way to do that is to get out of the way! We need to remove the red tape and increase our economic freedom so West Virginia businesses can thrive!

**Q2: 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?**

Our drug epidemic is one of our biggest problems. We need to take a serious look at implementing prevention and identification programs to recognize prospective abusers. We need a healthy, drug-free workforce if we want to succeed!

**Q3: What ideas do you have to reverse the trend of job loss and help facilitate job creation in West Virginia?**

I'm proud of the achievements of the 2015 and 2016 legislative sessions, especially Right to Work and Prevailing Wage. However, we still have work to do, like resisting the Obama Administration's War on Coal.

**Q4: During the 2016 Legislative Session, the West Virginia Legislature passed Senate Bill 1, which makes West Virginia the 26th state to adopt a Right-to-Work law. Do you support the passage of SB 1?** Yes

**Q5: Enacting legal reform has been a centerpiece of recent state legislative efforts. In general, what are your thoughts on the legal reforms that have been passed? Are there additional legal reform bills you would like to see?**

I'm not a lawyer but I think the legal reforms we passed were very favorable to West Virginia. I'm not educated on any others we need, but I'd be more than happy to learn about any more.

**Q6: Use of and addiction to illegal drugs in West Virginia is reaching what most are now calling, "crisis level." 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 need to work with our surrounding states. In August, I'll be meeting with other delegates from West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania and this is an issue that absolutely must be addressed!

**Q7: During the 2016 Legislative Session, the West Virginia Legislature failed to pass HB 4012 known as the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. Would/did you support this or similar legislation for future passage?** Yes

**Q8: 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 think that as a young, female and a student that I offer a different perspective

**Q9: What three agencies or departments in state government do you feel should/could be eliminated and why?**

1. West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, they are essentially useless.
2. WV Department of Education and Arts because it's redundant and unnecessary.
3. The West Virginia Office of Environmental Advocate. I'm not that familiar with them, but seems like a non-necessity to me.

Q10: What did we not ask that you would like to offer?

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q12: Would you be available for an interview by phone or in person?**

In person, By phone



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**Questions:**

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

The role of government is to do whatever it can do to support business, by installing infrastructure, creating a fair tax structure, and preventing hindrances to business such as allowing an excessive lawsuit climate. Government also needs to get out of the way, by enacting only reasonable regulations and reporting requirements.

**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?**

Our state needs to learn to prioritize when it comes to finances. While there are many worthwhile activities and entities in our state, which are beneficial in some way to the public, or to certain groups, in a flailing economy, do we need to fund all of them, while letting our roads crumble and our lower income state workers suffer?

**What ideas do you have to reverse the trend of job loss and help facilitate job creation in West Virginia?**

I believe that part of this work has already been done in the current and previous legislative branch of government. However, we still need to implement additional judicial reform, as well as a complete overhaul of our tax code, to match today's needs. WV can have a tax that is fair to all, and still be able to fund the needs of the state

**During the 2016 Legislative Session, the West Virginia Legislature passed Senate Bill 1, which makes West Virginia the 26<sup>th</sup> state to adopt a Right-to-Work law. Do you support the passage of SB 1?**

- Yes
- No

**Enacting legal reform has been a centerpiece of recent state legislative efforts. In general, what are your thoughts on the legal reforms that have been passed? Are there additional legal reform bills you would like to see?**

I am in favor of all of the reforms that have been recently passed. However, I still believe more needs to be done. One item in particular that I favor is "loser pays." This would help prevent frivolous lawsuits, and discourage lawyers from taking cases on a contingency basis.

**Use of and addiction to illegal drugs in West Virginia is reaching what most are now calling, "crisis level." 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?**

As a paramedic, I see the impact of drugs on a daily basis. This is a tough nut to crack, as I truly believe that the most effective solution will not have an immediate impact, and may be a fight to implement. I believe that we must start with children as young as 3 years old, pounding into them on a daily basis, in preschool, kindergarten, and through their last day of high school, that drugs are bad, and will (not can) kill you. We need them to understand to the point of it nearly being a religion that drugs WILL ruin their lives, and show them how every day. In the meantime, we have to do what we can to hit the drug trade hard, particularly with the suppliers, whether it is the educated medical professional, or the dealer on the street.

**During the 2016 Legislative Session, the West Virginia Legislature failed to pass HB 4012 known as the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. Would/did you support this or similar legislation for future passage?**

- Yes
- No

**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?**

For almost my entire adult life, I have been a person who gives to my community. I have been volunteering as a firefighter/EMT/paramedic for nearly 35 years, and currently hold the position of assistant fire chief and treasurer in my department. I am also very active in community activities and groups, currently holding positions on the 911 Advisory Board, the Marion County Republican Executive Committee, and I am the president of the Marion County Firefighters Association. I have also previously served on the Marion County Planning Commission, the Mon Power Community Liaison panel, and the Sharon Steel/Fairmont Community Liaison panel, as well as serving on the Board of Directors for the Marion County Rescue Squad. In addition, I am part of a new local group of people working toward bringing a medical clinic to a tribal community in the country of Ghana in Africa. We traveled there earlier this year on an exploratory trip to start this process.

I bring years of experience in business, having helped start businesses in several locations, which survived and prospered despite hard times in our industry. I have a Bachelors degree in Business Administration and Management from Fairmont State University.

**What three agencies or departments in state government do you feel should/could be eliminated and why?**

There are many agencies which could probably be eliminated and/or consolidated. For example, why do we need to pay people to inspect barbers and then charge them a yearly fee for their license? Is this really necessary? And why do we have a Department of Commerce, an Economic Development Board, and a Development office? Could these not be combined? And I would be remiss if I did not mention the Office of Fleet Management. Why do we need 7500 vehicles for state employees, most of which are taken home at night? A state employee does not need to take a vehicle home at night unless they are apt to be called out after hours for an emergency. If they can be called out, but not in an emergency case, they can use their own vehicle to drive to the office, and then pick up the state car. I would even be willing to offer them an extra hour or two, or mileage costs for this extra trip. This Mission Statement is on their website: "Provide safe, efficient, and reliable fleet services in the most cost effective manner possible. We will be enablers for state spending units by providing exceptional fleet service, promoting teamwork to accomplish the State's strategic goals and objectives." I believe that the most accurate phrase in this Mission Statement is "We will be the enablers for state spending units..." They absolutely enable our state government to spend excessively in this area!

**What did we not ask that you would like to offer:**

While I am a conservative, and I am running as a Republican, I absolutely do not form my opinions based on the R and the D. I am all about the right and the wrong. However, having said that, although the Republicans are not perfect in their actions in Charleston, having a Republican majority has been the best thing that we have seen in West Virginia in years. Our senate however barely holds that majority. If the Republicans lose one seat, there will be a tie, and two would put the Democrats in charge of the Senate. This could be a disaster when it comes to getting anything done, especially not knowing who the next governor may be. We need to hold that majority.

**Would you be available for an interview by phone or in person?**

I am available 24/7 to speak to you or anyone that wishes to talk to me, to ask questions and see where I stand on any issue.

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**Q1: Describe your overall philosophy toward the role of state government as it relates to business and industry.**

State government should serve as a conduit for and to assist in business start-up and growth.

**Q2: 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 lack of a drug-free and adequately educated or trained workforce to attract and retain businesses in our State. Having a good workforce is not enough in today's environment. Reversing the harmful cuts to higher education, CTC's and a more robust secondary school environment would be a great starting point.

**Q3: What ideas do you have to reverse the trend of job loss and help facilitate job creation in West Virginia?**

Education  
 Drug and substance abuse treatment  
 Retraining for displaced workers  
 A world class high speed (not current standards) internet access system in all 55 counties - not just the population centers.

**Q4: During the 2016 Legislative Session, the West Virginia Legislature passed Senate Bill 1, which makes West Virginia the 26th state to adopt a Right-to-Work law. Do you support the passage of SB 1?** No

**Q5: Enacting legal reform has been a centerpiece of recent state legislative efforts. In general, what are your thoughts on the legal reforms that have been passed? Are there additional legal reform bills you would like to see?**

Somewhat pleased, in general.

**Q6: Use of and addiction to illegal drugs in West Virginia is reaching what most are now calling, "crisis level." 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?**

Building on a previous response, a dedicated revenue source needs to be identified in order to fund substance abuse treatment and education. It is also imperative that alternatives to incarceration are utilized for non-violent offenses to the fullest (non-violent offenders), placing the financial burden on the individual and not the government, when possible. Also, drug treatment should commence while incarcerated, instead of the current revolving door of recidivism at are correctional institutions.  
 This epidemic knows no social or economic boundaries. It affects our entire population and business community.

**Q7: During the 2016 Legislative Session, the West Virginia Legislature failed to pass HB 4012 known as the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. Would/did you support this or similar legislation for future passage?** No

**Q8: 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?**

Twenty years experience, earning the support of business and labor; former legislative leadership, including House Majority Leader and Chair of Finance. Supported and helped fund numerous infrastructure and community projects that have helped central WV grow and prosper.

**Q : What three agencies or departments in state government do you feel should/could be eliminated and why?**

Port Authority -  
 Turnpike Authority -  
 Courtesy Patrol -  
 (functions can easily be absorbed by DOT and save administrative costs)

**Q10: What did we not ask that you would like to offer?**

Question #7. While I did support the RFRA bill in the House, I would be reluctant to support this in the future, based on the adverse repercussions. My initial support was to avoid churches/pastors from litigation from those that would seek to force their views on others by performing ceremonies outside their beliefs. However, I believe there is a better way to protect those legitimate interest while not bringing the business community into the fray and having adverse consequences to commerce and job growth.

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**Q12: Would you be available for an interview by phone or in person?** In person, By phone

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**Q1: Describe your overall philosophy toward the role of state government as it relates to business and industry.**

This state government, or any government for that matter, cannot buy economic prosperity; it can only seek to create the fertile conditions for the eventual germination of ideas, entrepreneurship, and ingenuity. Economic growth is and has always been in the hands of the individual.

**Q2: 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 biggest problems are jobs, opportunity, and our state's budget. All of these things can be alleviated by creating a more attractive business environment by eliminating certain regulations and taxes. This will expand the tax base and create more opportunity for West Virginian's.

**Q3: What ideas do you have to reverse the trend of job loss and help facilitate job creation in West Virginia?**

Two bills I plan to introduce will address this:

1. West Virginia Works Partnership Program – Public/private partnership with tech schools & universities funding training for WV job creators using tax credit offsets.
2. Economic Empowerment and Investment Act –Business tax incentive program using credits for industry & small business. Seeks to create a diverse economy with emphasis on small business expansion. Broaden tax base and create jobs.

**Q4: During the 2016 Legislative Session, the West Virginia Legislature passed Senate Bill 1, which makes West Virginia the 26th state to adopt a Right-to-Work law. Do you support the passage of SB 1?** Yes

**Q5: Enacting legal reform has been a centerpiece of recent state legislative efforts. In general, what are your thoughts on the legal reforms that have been passed? Are there additional legal reform bills you would like to see?**

I'm 100% supportive of the legal reforms that have taken place. I'm supportive of additional reforms that will stop West Virginia from being a magnet for personal injury attorneys.

**Q6: Use of and addiction to illegal drugs in West Virginia is reaching what most are now calling, "crisis level." 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 must look at drug treatment facilities, with particular focus on the youth. In Jefferson county for example, Juvenile Drug Courts have been very effective.

**Q7: During the 2016 Legislative Session, the West Virginia Legislature failed to pass HB 4012 known as the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. Would/did you support this or similar legislation for future passage?** No

**Q8: 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've closely supported the Juvenile Drug Court in my community. It has been key to addressing the drug problem.

Specifically, what I bring that is different than other candidates is that I started off my career as welder. I attended vocational school part-time and was given the opportunity to become a certified welder through the American Welding Society. Upon graduation, I was fortunate to work for several different businesses as a welder including a defense manufacturer and an open-pit mining operation repairing the equipment.

The work ethic that was instilled in me throughout my years of welding has been formative and has enabled me to be successful in all of my subsequent career choices, including my academic endeavors.

**Q : What three agencies or departments in state government do you feel should/could be eliminated and why?**

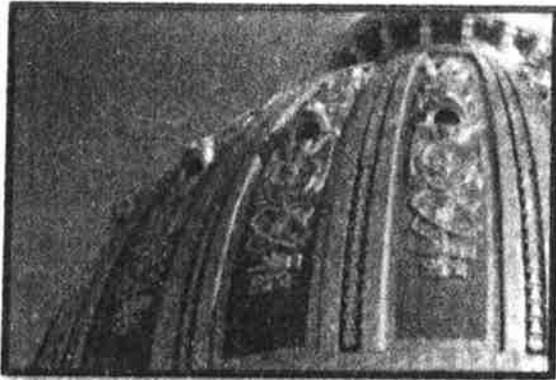
If elected I would will be looking at every state agency and department to trim the size and create better efficiency. I have real experience doing this on the federal level as a congressional staff member of a committee. I've worked on the federal appropriations process for over a decade now and could bring the experience to bear in the position of Delegate.

**Q10: What did we not ask that you would like to offer?** *Respondent skipped this question*

**Q11: Contact Information**

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**Q12: Would you be available for an interview by phone or in person?** In person, By phone



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**Questions:**

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

Create an atmosphere where business/industry want to come & provide a product/service to improve the city/county/state & do not face excessive regulations or taxes.

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?

Federal govt overregulation of our industries by over reach. State needs to take back our sovereignty on many fronts - EPA - Education issues - WVA has to step up to the plate & challenge the Fed govt.

What ideas do you have to reverse the trend of job loss and help facilitate job creation in West Virginia?

During the 2016 Legislative Session, the West Virginia Legislature passed Senate Bill 1, which makes West Virginia the 26<sup>th</sup> state to adopt a Right-to-Work law. Do you support the passage of SB 1?

- Yes *voted for it*
- No

Enacting legal reform has been a centerpiece of recent state legislative efforts. In general, what are your thoughts on the legal reforms that have been passed? Are there additional legal reform bills you would like to see?

*Good moves. I would support any bill designed to improve our legal climate*

Use of and addiction to illegal drugs in West Virginia is reaching what most are now calling, "crisis level." 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?

*I support our local County/city officials efforts. Support Atty General's non-prosecution efforts. Support Drug Courts - Support treatment for those incarcerated because of drugs*

During the 2016 Legislative Session, the West Virginia Legislature failed to pass HB 4012 known as the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. Would/did you support this or similar legislation for future passage?

- Yes
- No

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?

*31 Years of working to improve legal reforms, fighting to get rid of C.S.B., which hurts our students & their ability to compete; Voted against Obamacare - Work to have better Respite Care Leg. visit County Nursing home & St. Mary's Clinic. Got passed legislation to control State debt.*

What three agencies or departments in state government do you feel should/could be eliminated and why?

All departments/agencies have Constituencies & employees. Need to rely on Governor to show us where inefficiencies exist or have a Committee with power to go inside State agencies & look at certain ones.

What did we not ask that you would like to offer:

Experienced; Conservative; 31 years in State Senate fighting for education reform & opposing debts.  
A lot of my Senate Service has been spent fighting higher taxes & votes to reduce taxes.

Would you be available for an interview by phone or in person?

Yes

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**Q1: Describe your overall philosophy toward the role of state government as it relates to business and industry.**

State government should foster an environment that is favorable to business and industry while taking into consideration the health, safety and welfare of its citizens. The State government can also help assist with the training and maintaining of a workforce that is applicable to the business climate of the State.

**Q2: 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?**

Lack of workforce, infrastructure and jobs. West Virginia has been crippled by the drug epidemic that has permeated our workforce. In turn, businesses and industries may question whether West Virginia has the workforce to sustain new businesses and industries. Moreover, our roads, bridges and statewide internet capabilities need major upgrades. To alleviate these challenges, we need to tackle the drug epidemic (as more fully discussed below), assist in retraining and educating our workforce, and raising revenue to repair and build our State's infrastructure.

**Q3: What ideas do you have to reverse the trend of job loss and help facilitate job creation in West Virginia?**

As discussed above, we need to raise revenues to repair and build our infrastructure. Showing businesses and industries that we have the best roads, bridges, and easily accessible high speed internet will help facilitate businesses and industries to move into our State. However, we must also show that we have the trained and educated workforce that can handle those jobs. This starts with alleviating the drug epidemic and retraining those who have sustained job losses in certain industries.

**Q4: During the 2016 Legislative Session, the West Virginia Legislature passed Senate Bill 1, which makes West Virginia the 26th state to adopt a Right-to-Work law. Do you support the passage of SB 1?**

No

**Q5: Enacting legal reform has been a centerpiece of recent state legislative efforts. In general, what are your thoughts on the legal reforms that have been passed? Are there additional legal reform bills you would like to see?**

With the legal reforms that have been passed recently, I have not seen any evidence that the reforms have persuaded a business to come to West Virginia over not coming to West Virginia.

**Q6: Use of and addiction to illegal drugs in West Virginia is reaching what most are now calling, "crisis level." 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?**

Before the last legislative session, I met with the DEA, State Police, County Sheriffs, city police officers, prosecutors and emergency personnel to determine what I could do to help alleviate the drug epidemic in West Virginia. In turn, I introduced, with bipartisan support, HB 4258, which did a number of things: established a criminal sentencing commission to revamp the sentencing guidelines in West Virginia; mandated drug education in K-12; provided criminal penalties for certain crimes that were not provided for in WV Code, and established rules for needle exchange programs. The legislation did not pass, but it shows that the ones who will help get us out of this epidemic are those that deal with the drug epidemic on a day-to-day basis. In turn, I will continue to work with this group of people to help curb the drug epidemic in West Virginia.

**Q7: During the 2016 Legislative Session, the West Virginia Legislature failed to pass HB 4012 known as the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. Would/did you support this or similar legislation for future passage?** No

**Q8: 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 all about compromise. I enjoy reaching across the aisle and finding solutions to the real problems that face West Virginia. I am continually involved in the community, building relationships, to find out what the citizens believe this State needs to move us forward in the future. We, as elected officials, are to be about the people we serve and that is what I strive to be.

**Q9: What three agencies or departments in state government do you feel should/could be eliminated and why?**

I don't think eliminating agencies or departments in state government is the answer to our problems. However, restructuring of certain agencies/departments could help in efficiency in our government. For example, I introduced legislation that would require the DOH to prioritize road repairs based off condition and input of the citizens, and not by some arbitrary means. Structural changes, not elimination, would help in efficient government.

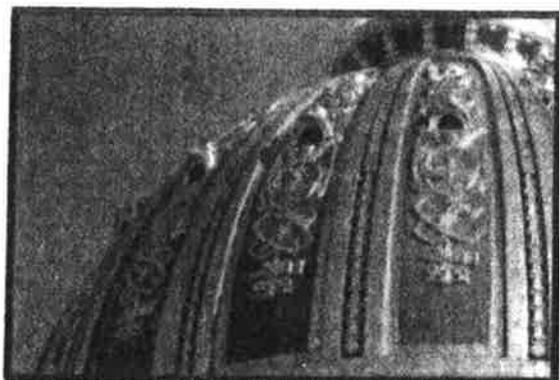
**Q10: What did we not ask that you would like to offer?**

With respect to question No. 7 above, this is a perfect example of what not to introduce or attempt to pass if you want to attract business to West Virginia. Look at what similar legislation has done in other states (i.e. N.C.).

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**Q12: Would you be available for an interview by phone or in person?** In person, By phone



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**Questions:**

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

GOVERNMENT SHOULD WORK TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SAFETY AND INFRASTRUCTURE. REGULATIONS AND TAXES ON BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY SHOULD BE MINIMAL. GOVERNMENT HELPS BUSINESS BY STAYING OUT OF THE WAY.

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 STATE BUDGET IS GOING TO BE THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE. WE MUST KEEP TAX RATES FOR JOB CREATING BUSINESSES LOW AND WE MUST MINIMIZE REGULATION. WE NEED TO INCENTIVIZE WORK AND PRODUCTION.

What ideas do you have to reverse the trend of job loss and help facilitate job creation in West Virginia?

WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO WORK TO GET RID OF THE INVENTORY TAX AND BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX. WE HAVE TO KEEP TAXES LOW, BETTER EDUCATE OUR CHILDREN/WORKFORCE, AND GENERALLY MAKE WV COMPETITIVE.

During the 2016 Legislative Session, the West Virginia Legislature passed Senate Bill 1, which makes West Virginia the 26<sup>th</sup> state to adopt a Right-to-Work law. Do you support the passage of SB 1?

- Yes IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE MAINTAIN THIS STATUS!
- No

Enacting legal reform has been a centerpiece of recent state legislative efforts. In general, what are your thoughts on the legal reforms that have been passed? Are there additional legal reform bills you would like to see?

I THINK THAT WE HAVE PASSED IMPORTANT MEANINGFUL LEGISLATION TO MAKE WV COMPETITIVE. JOINT + SEVERAL, OPEN + OBVIOUS, TRAVELPASS, ETC HAVE BEEN A GOOD START. I THINK THAT WE NEED TO GIVE BUSINESSES THE ABILITY TO DRUG TEST EMPLOYEES. I AM OPEN TO OTHER SUGGESTIONS.

Use of and addiction to illegal drugs in West Virginia is reaching what most are now calling, "crisis level." 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?

ALLOWING EMPLOYERS TO TEST FOR DRUGS AS MENTIONED ABOVE. ALSO DRUG TESTING RECIPIENTS OF GOVERNMENT BENEFITS AS WE DID LAST YEAR AND POSSIBLY EXPANDING UPON ~~IT~~ ALSO BETTER PREVENTION AND TREATMENT.

During the 2016 Legislative Session, the West Virginia Legislature failed to pass HB 4012 known as the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. Would/did you support this or similar legislation for future passage?

- Yes
- No

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 OWNED AND OPERATED A SMALL EXCAVATING BUSINESS FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS. PRIOR TO THAT I OPERATED A CLASSIC AUTO RESTORATION BUSINESS IN CALIFORNIA. I'M A MARINE CORP VETERAN WHERE I OVERSAW THE MAINTENANCE OF ABOUT 25 AIRCRAFT, AMONG OTHER DUTIES.

What three agencies or departments in state government do you feel should/could be eliminated and why?

THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION + THE ARTS BECAUSE IT CONTAINS  
SEVERAL SERVICES THAT ARE DUPLICATED ELSEWHERE. OTHER THAN  
THAT WE HAVE RECENTLY CONSOLIDATED DUTIES OF THE PORT  
AUTHORITY, MAIL AUTHORITY, AND OTHERS INTO THE DEPARTMENT  
TO REDUCE UNNECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS. OTHERS NEED  
 What did we not ask that you would like to offer: TO BE REDUCED OVER TIME.

I WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF  
RIGHT TO WORK LEGISLATION AND LEGAL REFORMS  
THAT WE MADE IN THE LAST TWO YEARS. WE  
CANNOT AFFORD TO GO BACK! AGAIN WE  
NEED TO BE OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS FROM YOU.

Would you be available for an interview by phone or in person?

YES CALL 304 674-0342

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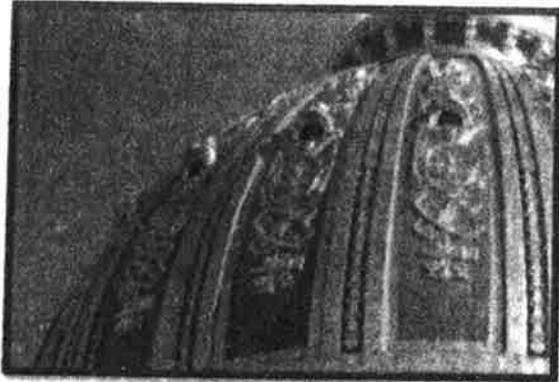
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I HAVE A WEBSITE WHICH IS [JIMBUTLER.US](http://JIMBUTLER.US)

I AM ALSO ON FACEBOOK AS JIM BUTLER

DELEGATE 14<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT. I HAVE WRITTEN  
 WEEKLY UPDATES EACH WEEK OF THE LEGISLATIVE  
 SESSIONS FOR FOUR YEARS; THEY ARE  
 POSTED ON THAT PAGE.



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**Questions:**

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

Provide an even "Playing Field" for ALL businesses not just new ones.

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?

Understanding that we need intra-structure to compete for new facilities.

What ideas do you have to reverse the trend of job loss and help facilitate job creation in West Virginia?

Get DEP and the EPA off the backs of business and stop every little government employee with a badge trying to shutdown your business.

During the 2016 Legislative Session, the West Virginia Legislature passed Senate Bill 1, which makes West Virginia the 26<sup>th</sup> state to adopt a Right-to-Work law. Do you support the passage of SB 1?

- Yes
- No

Enacting legal reform has been a centerpiece of recent state legislative efforts. In general, what are your thoughts on the legal reforms that have been passed? Are there additional legal reform bills you would like to see?

Good Start! Continue to bring West Virginia in line with other States like Virginia.

Use of and addiction to illegal drugs in West Virginia is reaching what most are now calling, "crisis level." 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?

Get the County Health Departments involved now! Treatment Centers cost money and our young people are costing us our future with a work forces that cannot function.

Build These TREATMENT CENTERS NOW!

During the 2016 Legislative Session, the West Virginia Legislature failed to pass HB 4012 known as the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. Would/did you support this or similar legislation for future passage?

- Yes
- No Waste of time. Fix the Budget and fix the damn roads!

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?

Fix the Budget and fix the ROADS !!!

What three agencies or departments in state government do you feel should/could be eliminated and why?

DEP: At least re-organize to fit today's world of business.

PSC Highway Enforcement: Want-to-be Cops with a badge and a gun.

Agencies that don't perform up to the Standard.

What did we not ask that you would like to offer:

The next few years will be tough for the State. We need to plant the seed of optimism. Take care of the TEACHERS and the State Employees that come in contact with the public every DAY.

Would you be available for an interview by phone or in person?

YES

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**Questions:**

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

State government should be the referee, have fair, equitable laws with enforcement. Provide infrastructure for its citizens and businesses to thrive, provide safe environment through law enforcement and fire service among others.

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?

Education and health systems, too dependent on federal money and regulations, Obtain waivers and block grants from feds so we can run our own system to promote healthier environment and better educated and trained workforce. Reduce dependency on government entitlements and eradicate substance abuse among others!

What ideas do you have to reverse the trend of job loss and help facilitate job creation in West Virginia?

Part 2 years worked on improving legal environment with reforms in hopes of attracting new industry. We need to improve our infrastructure and improve workforce to attract companies. Would like to utilize our resources in WV rather than outsourcing i.e. cracker facility or at least facilities to utilize raw materials in manufacturing in WV for example.

During the 2016 Legislative Session, the West Virginia Legislature passed Senate Bill 1, which makes West Virginia the 26<sup>th</sup> state to adopt a Right-to-Work law. Do you support the passage of SB 1?

- Yes
- No

Enacting legal reform has been a centerpiece of recent state legislative efforts. In general, what are your thoughts on the legal reforms that have been passed? Are there additional legal reform bills you would like to see?

I supported all of the legal reforms that were passed. There are probably areas to tweak and improve down the road. Intermediate court of appeals is still a consideration. Emphasis now is educating workforce and improving infrastructure - i.e. roads, water, internet etc.

Use of and addiction to illegal drugs in West Virginia is reaching what most are now calling, "crisis level." 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?

Improving job opportunities is crucial to provide hope and self esteem. Chaired Select Committee on Prevention + Treatment of substance abuse, passed many bills attacking issue on many fronts (prevention, identification, treatment opportunities, looking at supply and demand side of issue) Funding for treatment big problem. Alcohol dependence needs to be stopped since that leads to many of our ADHD kids and <sup>behavioral disorder, foster care, etc.</sup>

During the 2016 Legislative Session, the West Virginia Legislature failed to pass HB 4012 known as the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. Would/did you support this or similar legislation for future passage?

- Yes Supported consistency with federal law, Not to discriminate but to allow an individual to observe their faith and not have government impose restriction. Bill was misunderstood by the general public in my opinion.
- No

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?

Over my 6 years in the House I have risen to the chairmanship of 2 committees (Health + Substance Abuse) and have worked to improve the health environment for WV citizens. DHHR has 5.5 billion budget out of 12.4 billion WV budget, with plans to go through that Department to look for efficiencies and reduce bureaucracy, etc. That is one of my interim goals. Providing a better health care product for our citizens and cost effective is long term goal. Health care is one of the largest expenses for businesses and needs to be reigned in. In addition I serve on Education, Small Business + Economic Development, Labor + Industry, 33