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# Q1

Identity-Please fill out the indicated fields.

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Party Affiliation: R

District: 73

# 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)

Colleges Attended & Degrees Obtained (Ex: Marshall, MBA)

Current Employer & Job Position (Ex: WVMA, Director of

Operations)

Describe your current job & responsibilities

How long have you worked for your current employer?

Grafton HS, Grafton, WV

WVU BS Nursing, WGU MSN Nursing Leadership and

Management

RN WVUMEDICINE, Bridgeport, WV

Staff nurse

7 years

## Q4

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

Provide safety to the public through regulation. Set tax policy.

## 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?

When EMS funding was minimal, I wrote and helped pass a levy which has been supported repeatedly for many years. Passed legislation as a Delegate to improve the business climate in WV. Fought for the creation of a water park at Tygart Lake state park.

#### 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.

Grafton Lions Club WV Cattleman Assoc WV Angus Assoc Bridgeport United Methodist Church

#### 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?

Work Force! Continue to provide mechanisms for training opportunities. Minimize the amount of time someone can collect unemployment: 6 1/2 months too long. Also, substance abuse which we are starting to evaluate the types of treatment options we provide. We have many treatment beds but they are not effective as we need.

#### 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?

Minimal regulatory burdens, competitive tax structure. Invest in economic development projects to lure/maintain businesses in WV

#### 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?

Change the type of treatment options we offer. Some are not working.

## 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?

The company should follow current federal and state laws and develop their policies based on their beliefs.

# 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.

Continue to provide training opportunities and facilitate partnerships with educational institutions.

#### Q13

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

Offer choices for parents and students. Competition will cause improved quality.

#### 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)?

Companies need to speak directly to higher education centers and high schools to develop needed programs and educate students on what is available.

# 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?

Public safety protected but within reason. If something is shown to cause a bad outcome at 0.0001 that is unnecessary to carry out.

# Q16

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

Show no favoritism to a particular energy sector and have a goal of affordable, reliable energy for all.

# 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?

Do not know

#### 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?

Have worked on many! Amendment 1 crucial now to remove business equipment and inventory taxes.

# 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.

Summers for House Facebook