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## Q1

Identity-Please fill out the indicated fields.

**Candidate Name:** Scot Heckert  
**Office Seeking:** West Virginia House of Delegates  
**Party Affiliation:** Republican  
**District:** 13

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## Q2

Contact Info-Please fill out the indicated fields.

**Address:** 300 Broadway Ave  
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**State/Province:** West Virginia  
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## Q3

Education & Experience-Please fill out the indicated fields.

**Current Employer & Job Position (Ex: WVMA, Director of Operations):** Scot Heckert is a business owner in Wood County operating Yellow Cab, Broadway Marina, Broadway Industrial Park, and The American Riverboat Company.  
**Describe your current job & responsibilities:** Owner and Operator  
**How long have you worked for your current employer?:** 10+ Years as the Owner and Operator

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**Q4**

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

I believe that the state government's role should be to support our many manufacturers, small business owners, and those that seek to relocate to West Virginia. Instead of making it more difficult, more expensive, and less beneficial for companies to stay or relocate here state government should support businesses where necessary and cut the bureaucracy and red tape in Charleston that harms our business owners.

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**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?

As a successful owner and operator of multiple businesses, I have seen firsthand the problems that exist for WV business owners. One of my goals once elected is to ensure that WV becomes much more business-friendly, we MUST ensure that businesses feel supported by the state legislature. Throughout my companies and my community, I have built strong relationships, created countless stable employment opportunities, and have continued to invest in my community by bringing new services and opportunities to the people of Wood County.

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**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.

- 1.) National Rifle Association
  - 2.) American Sternwheeler Association
  - 3.) Fraternal Order of Police
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**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?

We must work to counteract the population loss seen in our community. By investing in Broadband internet services, offering increased Vocational and Technical Education, as well as supporting trades we can give younger residents a reason to stay. By investing in our future we can see economic success with high-paying jobs and a productive workforce.

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**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.

I do support the passage because as outlined above I believe we need more business and investment opportunities in this state. Exempting the tax on manufacturing inventory, machinery and equipment especially rings clear that WV is welcoming and friendly to corporations. We must make this state welcoming because to me it's the only for it to recover. Make the state business-friendly. Businesses bring jobs and investment, and jobs and investment solve the social crisis and economic disadvantages.

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**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?

Much like the question above. Repealing certain taxes allows corporations to save money when investing here, the more opportunities grow here. There are multiple avenues for improving WV's position. We must our rivers and waterways to more boat tourism, restructuring or tearing down abandoned buildings that are rampant across the state into areas new businesses can build or lease. The residents of our state often drive almost 2 hours just to work to other states that are more pro-business. Business brings jobs, jobs bring prosperity, and prosperity brings security.

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**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?

We must refund our Police officers and State Troopers, ensuring they have the means to stop these drug trades and dealers in their tracks. At the same time, we must solve the issue of the addict on the street. More often than not they are victims caught in a deadly world. We must support our brave men and women in law enforcement who will smash the drug dealers and make it known that WV is not safe for criminal vagrants. We MUST refund our police, smash the dealers with an increased law enforcement presence, treat our addicted citizens, and bring jobs to our homes so people won't seek opioids in their distress. We must be understanding to one and harsh to the other. We take care of our own. We will throw the book at the dealers who prey on our citizens.

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**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?

West Virginia is a state that is welcoming to all. Built on the backs of our hardworking coal miners and manufacturers West Virginia has always been a home for those with a strong work ethic and those who want to build their life and family here. We must continue to ensure that we treat people with civility and respect. No matter if we are white, black, brown, gay, straight, Latino, or Native American we are all West Virginians. We as a people must hold each other accountable, lean on each other, and continue to remain the state that we claim we are.

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**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 heavily invest in vocational and technical education. We must ensure that our local high schoolers and graduates have access to vocational and technical education so we can create a pipeline of skilled workers leaving our area high schools. Not everyone needs to go to college or university. We must also ensure that our area high schoolers have access to on-the-job training programs by partnering with local manufacturers and business owners.

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**Q13**

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

We must ensure that our students have access to the resources necessary to be successful in school. We all know that our teachers are overworked, under-appreciated, and underpaid. Our students have oftentimes not had access to the technology they need, outdated textbooks fill the shelves of classrooms, and schools are dilapidated and in desperate need of demolition or renovation. We must invest in our student's futures by investing in WV schools.

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**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)?

By partnering with local manufacturers and small business owners we can bring the community inside the classroom. Often times students are told they need to attend college to be successful raking up thousands of dollars of debt in the process. By allowing our small businesses into the classroom, ensuring STEM is taught in schools, and heavily increasing investments in vo-tech we can increase the number of students in the workforce and get our younger people higher-paying jobs with little to no debt.

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**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?

Environmental preservation is important, especially due to the increased tourism West Virginia has been seeing. At the same time, however, we must balance this environmental preservation and protection with the need of our business partners. We must work in a bipartisan manner bringing representatives of both sides to the same table. By doing so we can craft a policy that benefits everyone not just the select few.

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**Q16**

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

We don't just want to see renewable energy put up for the sake of it. If we are putting up wind turbines, solar energy, and investing in hydroelectric energy we must be the ones manufacturing the technology here in West Virginia. By offering tax credits for technology made in West Virginia to rebuild our nation's electrical grid West Virginia labor can once again power the nation.

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**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?

Once again it is about listening. We have to bring both parties to the table and work in a bipartisan manner. If we fail to do so nothing will ever get done. I'm not going to walk into a situation without first hearing both sides of an argument. I vote for my constituents. I am their voice.

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**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?

We have to cut the bureaucracy and red tape that ties the hands of so many business owners. We must ensure that businesses are not being priced out of West Virginia. Working to curb the state's population loss will be at the forefront of my agenda. To do this we must invest in vo-tech education, create additional job training programs, and bring small businesses into the classroom.

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**Q19**

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

Yes, I'm available online and in person.

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**Q20**

Where may the WVMA follow you on social media? Please list social media handles including Facebook, Twitter, and others.

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/ScotHeckertForHouse](https://www.facebook.com/ScotHeckertForHouse)

Website: [www.ScotForOffice.com](https://www.ScotForOffice.com)

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