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Do you, or does anyone in your household, have a financial or employment interest in any healthcare related business?:

No

Should the state be advertising and otherwise promoting the vaccine using taxpayer dollars? Why or why not?:

No. There is not a living soul in the state that has not heard of COVID-19 and the vaccine. This is an ongoing payoff to the "connected" advertising agencies and others.

Should the new legislature re-elect or replace current leadership?:

Replace current leaders

Did ADH and ABC have authority to issue the mask-related fines to small businesses last year?:

Probably, but it wasn't ethical.

Should the legislature force ABC and ADH to return the mask-related fines collected last year?:

Yes

What is your position on SB 730 (the Garner bill)?:

For

What is your position on SB 731 (the Ballinger bill)?:

For

What is your position on SB 732 (the Blake Johnson bill)?:

For

What is your position on SB739 (the Hammer bill)?:

For

Do you believe the state has to respect and otherwise enforce unconstitutional federal mandates? At what point does state sovereignty apply?:

The Ninth and Tenth Amendments are clear, and outline how sovereignty is applied. Reserved powers are distinct.

Are you, or is anyone in your household, a public school teacher or otherwise employed by a public school?:

No

Do you believe that CRT, or some form of it, is currently being taught in Arkansas schools?:

Yes

What is your position on CRT?:

I was an original co-sponsor of Mark Lowery's first House Bill to ban CRT in schools. We need to ferret out the hidden and subtle ways that the woke crowd indoctrinates our children.

What is your position on school choice? If you support it, what form do you support (e.g. complete choice, limited vouchers, choice limited to other public schools)?:

Complete choice. Parents should be more empowered. I recognize that in some areas this might be impractical, but the market (including virtual options) can fill unique needs.

Should any abortions be legal in the state of Arkansas? Please explain.:

Only to save the life of the mother.

Are you in favor of the concept of limited government, and do you commit to support the Republican Party platform as written?:

Yes, 100%

Do you support reducing / eliminating the state income tax? If so, what process would you support to accomplish it (e.g. gradual reduction, drastically cut state government, increase sales or property tax)?:

I certainly support reducing state government spending. I believe that this must begin with a specific effort during the Fiscal Sessions in even numbered years, when the legislature can concentrate on fiscal matters and find places to cut. I also believe that the best way to get rid of the state income tax is to gradually eliminate the hodge-podge of local sales taxes, created by special elections, and replace them with an equitable statewide sales tax distributed to local governments. This would leave room for a smaller general (state) sales tax increase to replace the income tax.

Currently, we have a system that unfairly benefits the "rich" cities and counties - generally those with a higher retail tax base. Surrounding communities and rural areas pay these local taxes, but receive none of the benefits. I would favor a study to ascertain how to accomplish this.

It is not politically feasible to increase the property tax, nor would I support it.

Have you accepted (or would you accept) money from Tyson, Walmart, the state chamber, or the hospital lobby?:

I have in the past but no longer will.

What bill should the legislature pass immediately to do the most good for Arkansans?:

Stop and/or severely limit special elections for tax increases.

Why did you choose to run specifically for this office and not another one?:

I believe that the place that I can make the most favorable impact on my state is in the General Assembly.

On which legislative committee are you most interested in serving, and why?:

Revenue and Tax, which I am now currently honored to serve.

What is your top priority once in office?:

For the third time, I will re-introduce my bill to take state pensions away from state officials who are convicted of felonies related to their official duties.

Is there anything else you would like to share?:

I appreciate the work done by Reopen Arkansas to educate citizens about their rights and how to protect them.

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