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1) I am running for state representative because I am tired of wishing somebody else would stop wasteful government spending and reckless tax increases.

I believe that government doesn't create wealth, only private industry does. I want to lower taxes and get our economy back on track by making it easier to be in business, not more difficult.

2) The first bill I would submit in the 2011 legislature would be to eliminate the corporate income tax in Kansas. We could truly spur economic recovery by making Kansas the most attractive state in the union for businesses to settle.

3) I would support legislation that would require a 3/5 majority in order to pass tax increases. I believe that taking money from hard-working Kansans is something that must be done with the utmost gravity and only after all reasonable efforts to cut spending have failed. Requiring a 3/5 majority would make it more difficult for any one party to muscle through capricious tax increases.

4) When state revenues are less than state expenditures I believe that we must not raise taxes, and must rather cut spending.

I would cut spending in all places where waste is found. I believe that there are legitimate expenditures for government, for example; public safety, courts, highways, and education. Waste can be found in all these things. For example, our public schools use over 50% of our budget. When Derby, KS schools volunteered for an audit, they found \$1 million a year in waste. We must make government work with what it has before we ever consider raising taxes.

5) The most important issues facing the Kansas legislature are:

1. Government waste and unnecessary government spending.
2. Over-taxation.

3. Joblessness made worse by state-imposed burdens on business
  4. Failure of our education system to responsibly spend money for the benefit of students.
  5. Establishing a realistic energy policy that supports the most efficient methods of producing energy to provide energy to Kansans at the lowest cost.
- 6) Local and state governments and agencies should be prohibited from using tax dollars for any lobbying activities. First, there may be a constitutional issue with using tax money to voice an opinion that many taxpayers may not believe in. Second, it is simply a waste of money for the government to use tax dollars to try to convince another government to give it more tax dollars. It's absurd.
- 7) I believe that Kansas Supreme Court Justices should be appointed by the governor and confirmed by a majority vote of the Kansas Senate.
- 8) I believe that state budget expenditures should closely mirror the rate of inflation and population growth. As the population of the state increases, more money needs to be expended for necessary government services like courts, law enforcement, roads, and education. Also, these expenses should keep in line with inflation. I believe that absent an emergency, there is no need for the growth of expenditures to greatly exceed population or inflation growth.
- 9) I would address lagging population and economic growth by lowering taxes. I adhere to the Laffer Curve principle that lower tax rates change people's economic behavior and spur economic growth.
- 10) I do not support the decision of the state legislature to raise the sales tax. I believe that it will decrease the GDP of the state and will hurt Kansans.