

## *Ed Says:*

***"Our founding fathers knew we needed the right to bear arms to defend ourselves against criminals and a totalitarian government. It is my solemn promise that I will not allow ANY infringement on our 2nd Amendment rights."***

### **The Problem**

Government leftists whittle away at our right to bear arms through legislation and politically motivated prosecution. Consider these examples:

- Terrified Missouri citizens who were prosecuted for waving their guns at a mob that was storming their property.
- Registered gun owners in New York whose private information showed up on the internet.
- A proposed Oregon law that required property owners to flee their home, rather than defend it against a home invader.
- 2019 Supreme Court decision that held a gun manufacturer liable when a demented criminal used their brand of firearm in a school shooting.

Leftists are even trying to ban firearm accessories like stabilizing braces and pistol grips. There are no limits to what they will do to infringe upon our Constitutional rights!

### **The Solution**

Idaho needs a governor that will stand firm against any and all attempts to infringe upon our 2nd Amendment rights. Thanks to the efforts of dedicated legislators and citizens, Idaho has some of the best 2nd Amendment protections in the nation. Ed supports those efforts wholeheartedly and will lead the fight as governor.

### **To protect gun owners in Idaho, Ed will:**

- Not allow federal overreach to tread upon the rights guaranteed under the Idaho State Constitution.
- Protect peace officers from criminal and civil penalties if they are called upon to choose between enforcing unconstitutional federal laws or losing their jobs.
- Incentivize gun and ammo manufacturers to come to Idaho by protecting them from frivolous lawsuits and over-regulation.

*The right of the citizen to keep and bear arms cannot be infringed if liberty in America is to survive.*

*- Ronald Reagan*

## *Ed Says:*

*"Idaho is known for its high taxes and low salaries. Isn't that backwards?"*

*"My plan is to abolish the state income tax and put thousands of dollars into the pockets of Idahoans."*

## The Problem

Because Idaho is assumed to be a conservative Republican state, taxpayers may be surprised to discover how our taxes compare nationally. For the average Idahoan earning \$50,000 a year, Idaho's state income tax is higher than 39 other states. Our sales tax is higher than 33 other states. There are 32 states which exempt groceries from sales tax--Idaho is not one of them. Our fuel taxes are higher than 31 other states. Idaho taxpayers now fund 20 agencies and 181 departments. This is inconceivable for a Republican state that is ranked 40th out of the 50 states in population.

## The Solution

Ed's expertise in finance gives him an edge in developing a solid plan to reign in both taxes and spending.

1. Permanently reducing income taxes would constrict revenues and put a ceiling on the size of government. Utilizing state budget surpluses and cash and investments (PERSI pension funds **not** included), Ed will permanently phase out state income tax with no disruption to essential services. On average, Idaho taxpayers would have \$3,000 more per year in their pockets. Eliminating income taxes will create an upward economic spiral for our state and increase wages.
2. Ed will fully investigate waste and fraud in the state budget. Currently, millions of Idaho tax dollars are funding universities and non-profit organizations that promote "Critical Race Theory and other anti-

American activities." Not one cent of taxpayer money should be spent to fund this illegal, racist ideology which is fueling the socialist takeover of our country.

3. Ed will use a line-item veto to cut the pork out of the budget.
4. Idaho's budget is bloated with wasted spending that is protected by cronyism and outright fraud. Many layers of our state government hire lobbyists to influence the legislature on their own budgets and their own oversight. On Day 1, Ed will ban all agencies of the Idaho State Government from hiring contract lobbyists or retaining full-time lobbyists as staff.
5. Taxpayers will be able to shield themselves from future tax hikes through the Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR). TABOR forces the government to get state tax increases approved on the ballot in elections with an appropriate amount of voter turnout.

**Bottom Line:** Ed is a true small government, fiscal conservative who will fight to protect your money from waste and fraud.

*I've never understood why it is greed to keep what you've earned but not greed to take what someone else has earned.*

*-Thomas Sowell, Economist*

## **Ed Says:**

***"Abortion is the greatest human rights crisis of our time. What is the world missing in the sciences, culture, and arts from the 60+ million babies that never got their chance? Is it possible we've terminated the very person who might have gone on to cure cancer?"***

***"One day our nation will be ashamed for allowing abortion."***

### **The Problem**

Human life has inherent purpose and value. Abortion destroys families and attacks all the values that are necessary to promote strong and vibrant communities. What have we missed in the arts, in science, in our culture, because we cut short 60 million lives? There is no moral justification for aborting babies as a form of birth control. Abortions are performed for personal and social convenience, except in very rare cases, based upon consistent findings by the National Institute of Health (NIH).

### **The Solution**

Ed sees a need to unify the pro-life movement because even the pro-lifers are divided on abortion policy. As governor, Ed would regularly meet with Idaho pro-life groups to craft a solution that will move the pro-life cause forward.

Ed does not personally believe that abortion is acceptable in any situation. Legal exceptions for rape and incest should never be seen as a primary solution for trauma and violence. Emergency care and immediate reporting of sex crimes must be the emphasized solution, not abortion. This would give law enforcement the support they need to make sure the same violence is not perpetrated on other women. In a just society, it is the perpetrator who should suffer for the crime, not an innocent baby. Ed has personally known incredible people who were products of rape and incest. He can't imagine the world without these wonderful people in his life.

Medical doctors differentiate between "abortion" and a medically necessary treatment known as "preterm parturition" to save the life of the pregnant mother and the life of the baby, if at all possible. Ed believes it is therefore not necessary to have an "abortion" exception to protect the life of the mother.

#### Ed supports other LIFE-focused solutions:

- Protecting parents' rights to place their child with adoptive parents who align with their deeply held religious beliefs.
- Removing barriers that hinder Church-supported agencies and pro-life agencies from reaching out to mothers in crisis.
- Using crime victim's compensation funds for rape and incest victims to receive counseling during pregnancy.
- Upholding the Idaho Constitution and protecting Idaho from federal overreach on the issue of abortion.

*Abortion is profoundly anti-women.*

*-Blessed Teresa of Calcutta*



# Policy Summary: Government for the People

## *Ed Says:*

*"We need a leader who is not part of the 'good old boy' club. We need to disrupt the status quo."*

*"Idaho is the last foxhole for the American Dream. We can be a state that celebrates freedom and rewards hard work."*

### **The Problem**

Socialist policies like "wealth redistribution" and "central planning" have gained a solid foothold in Idaho. Too many Republicans who campaigned as "conservatives" have run a political game of "socialism-lite." Idahoans need a governor that will stand firm in the face of federal tyranny and uphold the values that made America great.

### **The Solution**

Our Founding Fathers had a unique understanding: We progress when our God-Given Rights are protected, as outlined in the Constitution. The driving principle of Ed's entire platform is that **society benefits when families and individuals are empowered to reach for their potential**. He believes the ills of society are solved by the innovations of free individuals and strong families, not government agencies. Ed emphatically rejects the "central planning model" where society's problems are solved by "experts" who make decisions for the "collective good." Ed believes decisions need to be made at the level of government closest to the people--school boards, city councils, and county commissioners--with the voice and consent of the people.

Ed shares the alarm of those who see individual freedoms being erased in the name of the collective good.

Nowhere has this been clearer than in the state Covid-19 lockdowns where the state liquor stores were essential, but churches were shut down; where big box stores stayed open, but the small "Mom and Pop" stores were shuttered. Programs and policies based upon the collective good may sound compassionate, but make no mistake, **the aim of the collective good is collective control.**

### **To preserve Idaho sovereignty, Ed will:**

- Begin the process of divorcing Idaho from federal grant money.
- Fight federal overreach into Constitutional freedoms.
- Require government agencies and administrative rules to be within the confines of the US and Idaho Constitution.
- Support citizen lawmakers rather than career politicians through term limits for Governor and for U.S. Congress.

**Bottom Line:** Ed Humphreys promises to serve the people of Idaho as a true Constitutional conservative.

*Most bad government comes out of too much government.*

*-Thomas Jefferson*

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## Ed Says:

*"Government intervention, like rent control, is a shell game which always shifts costs around and is not a real long-term solution."*

### The Problem

The high demand for housing from people moving into the state has increased housing prices. The skyrocketing cost of building materials and a shortage of skilled labor has also impacted the problem. Current prices make it difficult for lower- and middle-income people to afford housing.

Higher property taxes also stifle the ability of many families to buy a home. Most people believe that higher property taxes are due to higher assessed property values. However, **taxation follows spending**. Property taxes are not just tied to the assessed value of your home; the spending of your local taxing district also affects your rate of taxation.

### The Solution

Politicians like to appease constituents with quick fixes like rent control or a homeowner's exemption. Ed's solution is based upon solid economic principles of supply and demand. The solution needs to address root causes of the problem, such as, a shortage of skilled labor and the skyrocketing cost of building materials. Addressing these barriers, **without burdensome regulations**, will help the housing economy to flourish and meet the needs of renters and home buyers.

- **Labor shortage:** Ed would fast-track technical education that provides A+ training for the trades. High school grads could immediately enter the job market with high-paying job skills after graduation. This is a better solution than having students take on massive school loans for degrees that are not marketable.

- **Lumber shortage:** It's Idaho! To decrease the price of lumber, increase the supply. It's time to wisely manage our forests instead of letting them burn up each year. Leftist activities have severely mistreated the logging industry.
- **Property Taxes:** Ed believes a Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR) will reign in the growing cost and size of government and return power to the people. A "Taxpayer Bill of Rights" establishes a formula to limit how much tax revenue the government can keep. More importantly, it requires voters to approve tax increases on the ballot. It also establishes when those questions can be put to the ballot so supplemental levies can't be snuck past the voter anymore.

**Bottom Line:** Ed will avoid quick fixes and offer solid, long-term, solutions to ease Idaho's housing price crisis.

*The greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things. He is the one that gets the people to do the greatest things.*

*-Ronald Reagan*



# Policy Summary: Taxpayer's Bill of Rights

## **Ed Says:**

***"Since taxation is one of the more oppressive facets of government, it should be controlled by those who pay taxes, not those who spend it."***

***"Giving a credit card without a limit to politicians is like letting a toddler choose their own bedtime."***

## **The Problem**

One of the best ways Idahoans can fight socialist growth in Idaho is to limit the amount of tax dollars that are being used to grow the size of government. Idaho knows: **Nothing chokes economic growth like taking money out of our pockets and using it to create more bureaucracy.** Idaho taxpayers need a way to help politicians keep their promises.

## **The Solution**

Government ought to be "by the people, for the people." Consent of the governed is a principle that elevates the power and authority of a citizenry. Since taxation is one of the more oppressive facets of government, it should be controlled by those who pay taxes, not those who spend it.

**To preserve the rights of the Idaho taxpayer, Ed promises to enact a Taxpayer's Bill of Rights in the Idaho State Constitution** that guarantees that state taxes cannot increase without the approval of voters. Ed believes a Taxpayer Bill of Rights will reign in the growing cost and size of government and return power to the people. A "Taxpayer Bill of Rights" establishes a formula to limit how much tax revenue the government can keep. More importantly, it requires voters to approve tax increases on the ballot. It also establishes when those questions can be put to the ballot.

In 1992, Colorado amended their state constitution to include a Taxpayer Bill of Rights, or TABOR.

In the 12 years after passing TABOR, Colorado's personal income grew 76% faster than the rest of the nation! And jobs grew 62% faster than the rest of the nation. That is because people had more spending money. More spending money means more business and more business means higher wages and more profits.

Taxpayers should be empowered to choose how much they pay in taxes. If we feel that we don't pay enough, then we can vote to increase them. However, if we are like Ed Humphreys, we want the government to operate inside a budget just like the rest of us.

**Bottom line:** Ed Humphreys will return power to the people by working to enact a Taxpayer Bill of Rights that limits taxation and the growth of government.

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*-Thomas Sowell, Economist*

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## ***Ed Says:***

***"We love our teachers! We have great teachers! School choice is the ONLY way to get real wage growth for teachers."***

***"Nothing will have a more positive impact on protecting the free exchange of ideas in public education than school choice."***

## **The Problem**

As the public school system has become more controlled by the "central planning" of unions and bureaucrats, it has become less responsive to the voices of parents, students, and teachers. Half of all state tax revenues collected in the State of Idaho go to fund education, and the Educational Industrial Complex is demanding more tax dollars. In the face of rapid state growth and aggressive federal efforts to "launder" dangerous anti-American ideas into the minds of our rising generation, decisive leadership is needed.

## **The Solution**

In the Founder's blueprint, problems are solved by returning power to the people. Families should choose how their children are educated, not lobbyists and teachers unions. More choices mean more innovation. Ed's plan will restore the free exchange of ideas, rein in the cost of the education bureaucracy, return educational choices back to the parents, and give teachers more choices within their profession. Seven out of eight members of the State Board of Education are appointed by the Governor. No real change will come to education unless you have a governor who will champion that change.

**1) Ed's plan gives a voucher to every school-age student for parents to choose from a robust network of public schools, charter schools, private schools, or home-school.** Opponents predictably complain that school choice will ruin our public school system. Ed believes that if tax dollars and choices are placed back into the hands of the parents and teachers, they will find the solutions to their children's educational needs.



**2) Ed has pledged his support for accurate American history and patriotic civics education by signing the Governor Candidate Pledge at [www.1776action.org](http://www.1776action.org).**

## *Ed Says:*

*"We love our teachers! We have great teachers! School choice is the ONLY way to get real wage growth for teachers."*

*"Nothing will have a more positive impact on protecting the free exchange of ideas in public education than school choice."*

Ed will defend Idaho against state tax-dollars, federal grants, and non-profit monies, that fund the teaching of "critical race theory." **He will ask each member of the Idaho State Board of Education to sign a pledge affirming the findings and recommendations of President Trump's 1776 Commission.** Any member of the Idaho State Board of Education who is unwilling to take the pledge will be asked to resign.

To those who argue that this position violates First Amendment rights, Ed asserts that the Idaho State Constitution disallows any classification of pupils on the grounds of race or color.

**3) Ed's plan will reward innovation by offering low-interest loans for talented teachers to buy buildings to open small schools.** Imagine how education will thrive when exceptional teachers unite their talents and curriculum choices are made collaboratively by parents and teachers.

In small school settings, teachers will have the freedom to teach at the individual student's learning level, rather than conform to rigid institutional grade-level standards. Rewarding innovation creates a system that is more accountable to parent values and student needs, where hard-working teachers thrive professionally, and poor teachers are no longer protected by unions. Teachers will also have more freedom from union influences that conflict with their political or personal beliefs.

*Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction... It must be fought for, protected, and handed on...*

*-Ronald Reagan*



# Policy Summary: State & Federal Lands

## **Ed Says:**

***"There are resources we need for national security. Idaho has them, but we are not allowed to touch them."***

***"We need to start wisely managing our forests rather than allowing them to burn because of federal mismanagement."***

### **The Problem**

We are not allowed to manage our own lands and use the resources that the good Lord gave us. The federal government controls over 61 percent of the lands in Idaho. Congressional power grabs, like the 1973 Endangered Species Act, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the National Forest Management Act (NFMA) of 1976, layers of bureaucracy, and endless litigation from special interests, have made it next to impossible for Idahoans to benefit from our own state lands. This undermines our state sovereignty, economic potential, and harms our education funding. We must also preserve the lands for public use and recreation.

Federal land mismanagement costs the state of Idaho significantly. Idaho gets a measly \$1.06 for each acre of federal land in the form of payment in lieu of taxes (PILT). The state received \$34.5 million on almost 33 million acres of land from the feds, but our state endowment land alone paid out \$34.5 million on only 2.5 million acres. When the feds lease federal land, only a portion of those revenues go to the state. Whereas, when the state leases state land then all the revenues go to the betterment of the state. Property and Environment Research Center (PERC) study proves how federal land agencies earn 73 cents for every dollar spent managing the land while state land trusts earn \$14.51 for each dollar spent.

Idaho once had a vibrant timber industry that has now been decimated by poor management and environmentalist lawsuits. Large wildfires on federal lands have increased 75% over 30 years.

### **The Solution**

Make no mistake, the outcome of federal policies that stifle the use of our public lands means less jobs and more people who are on the dole of a socialist government. Idaho needs a governor who will PUSH BACK!

Federal land should be ceded to the state (with the exception of tribal lands, military installations, designated wilderness areas, and national parks). When federal lands become state lands, they will be put in permanent state land trusts and managed by the state.

Idaho has resources, such as cobalt and antimony, that are not found in any other state but are critical for national security. We must be allowed to harvest these resources. This will not only boost our state's economy but will reduce our dependence on countries like Russia and China.

We have new technology and environmentally friendly ways of harvesting our natural resources. It's time to wisely manage our forests instead of letting them burn up each year. Leftist activities have severely mistreated the logging industry. We must reject the "special interest science" used by environmentalist fear mongers and free up our natural resources for responsible use.

**Bottom line:** We need our public lands to actually benefit the public!

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## **Ed Says:**

***"I walked away from a successful financial practice to run for Governor. Our family is putting everything on the line right now because we wholeheartedly believe it's now or never to make a serious course correction."***

## **The Problem**

Idahoans, like the rest of America, have a clear choice to make about the direction of our state: Are we going to continue down the road to socialism or we going to embrace American values? This is the time to be informed, to be prayerful, and to fight with the Biblical tools used triumphantly by great leaders, like Martin Luther King and others.

Socialists are nefariously clever at disguising their message. Using "compassion," "diversity," and "tolerance" as a cover, they slander the Founders, distort history, and create racial divide. They wage war against the traditional family and the Judeo-Christian ethic. They erode freedom of speech and the rule of law in the name of "social justice" to demoralize and silence us. There is nothing new about this "road to serfdom" which has destroyed millions upon millions of lives through the ages.

CRT and its socialist tentacles have infiltrated every institution of our society: schools, the military, corporations, media outlets, the legal system, and every level of government. Ironically, CRT is being funded by you, as you pay your taxes, support non-profit organizations, and do business with "woke" companies.

## **The Solution:**

The Greek root for the word "governor" means the one who steers the ship's rudder. The governor determines direction. Ask yourself: Which candidate is going to contend for your values? Ed doesn't just talk about critical race theory, he acts decisively:

- Ed introduced a bill in the last legislative session to ban critical race theory in public schools. Unfortunately, a weaker bill was passed to get the governor's signature.
- Ed partnered with influential legislators to defeat HB226, a \$6 million supplemental appropriation bill that would fund Idaho preschools through a non-profit organization that promoted CRT. The governor pushed for the preschool funding.
- Despite the fact that CRT is unlawful under our Idaho State Constitution, which disallows any classification of pupils on the grounds of race or color, the Idaho State Board of Education met to consider adding "diversity" education to Idaho schools (June 28, 2021, Meeting). Seven out of eight of these board members are the governor's appointees. Ed publicly called for the resignation of any board member who supported the measure. As governor, he will call only board members who pledge to affirm the findings and recommendations of President Trump's 1776 Commission.
- A central feature of Ed's campaign has been educating the public about the dangers of CRT. We can't fight evil if we don't understand it. We urge you to download our CRT brochure at [www.edforidaho.com](http://www.edforidaho.com)

*Join the fight! The forces of the opposition are well-funded and numerous. The NEA, poised to generously fund the governor's campaign, has vowed to target anyone who opposes CRT in public education. Volunteer at [www.edforidaho.com/volunteer](http://www.edforidaho.com/volunteer)*

## **Ed Says:**

***"Let me be perfectly clear. The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) is an enemy to Idaho and an enemy to America."***

### **The Problem**

The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has developed a dangerous network of influence in government, education, agriculture, infrastructure, and business. They have targeted leaders at all levels of government, including Idaho leaders, to advance CCP interests and policies under the guise of building cultural ties and economic alliances. The CCP uses academic and economic arrangements to penetrate US innovators, such as Micron, and steal their ideas and technology. University programs, such as the Confucius Institute and Chinese Students and Scholars Association (CSSA) which are found in Idaho universities are used to sanitize the public image of CCP's murderous policies and soften students to anti-American indoctrination. On January 19, 2021, Donald Trump issued what may prove to be the most important Executive Order of his presidency. He declared a national emergency arising from the investments unwary Americans are being induced to make in the Chinese Communist Party's military-industrial complex.

Idaho must awaken to the true intentions of the CCP which monitors and corrupts Chinese companies and individuals to be surrogates of its criminal regime. We must recognize how state leaders and institutions in our state have been targeted. Strong steps must be taken to protect our state from the nefarious influence of our foreign adversaries.

It is important to make a distinction between people who are surrogates of the CCP regime and the good people of China who suffer persecution and death for seeking the basic freedoms we enjoy in America.

### **The Solution**

Following Donald Trump's America First Policy, Ed will lead, along with other states such as Florida and Texas, in pushing for legislation that would ban individuals or companies connected with China, Iran, North Korea, Russia, from entering into contracts relating to the state's critical infrastructure. Other proactive steps include:

- Prohibit foreign purchases of Idaho land by any individual or corporation that has ties to the CCP
- Prohibit transactions with CCP technology companies
- Prohibit specific arrangements between state-funded universities and K-12 schools
- Require colleges, state agencies, cities, and counties to report gifts made indirectly or directly by foreign governments
- Fully investigate what Idaho interests have been compromised by the CCP
- Criminalize the theft and trafficking of trade secrets
- Condemn CCP organ harvesting, religious persecution, and genocide
- Protect innocent Chinese Americans and Chinese VISA holders from CCP persecution on American soil
- Commemorate victims of communism who risk their lives for the cause of freedom.

*The single greatest threat to the United States comes from the Chinese Communist Party.*

*-Mike Pompeo  
Former Secretary of State*

## **Ed Says:**

*"Enough is enough with the lies and deceit surrounding nuclear energy."*

*"People fear nuclear energy because it was developed from nuclear weapons; if electricity was developed from the electric chair, they would fear electricity too."*

## **The Problem**

Most Americans don't realize that the peaceful application of nuclear energy was born in Idaho. In 1951, Idaho scientists made history by lighting lightbulbs with nuclear energy. In 1955, Arco, Idaho was the first town powered solely by nuclear energy. Clean and abundant energy was born in Idaho almost 70 years ago, but we've abandoned our heritage and turned our backs on it because of political operatives and lobbyists who spread misinformation to advance certain corporate and foreign interests. In the past 70 years, less than two dozen people in the US have died from the peaceful use of nuclear energy. Nuclear energy is safer than driving a car!

Despite all the political challenges, the Idaho National Laboratory (INL) is the largest nuclear facility in the United States. It's one of the largest employers in Idaho and even in its "throttled back status" contributes about \$2 billion to Idaho economy. The reality is that the peaceful applications of nuclear energy has faced a constant assault from greedy corporatists who profit when clean, abundant energy sources aren't available and from foreign actors trying to prevent America from outpacing the rest of the world technologically.

## **The Solution**

Nuclear energy provides 20 percent of the nation's energy and 55 percent of the nation's "clean energy." Nuclear energy has proven to be one of the safest forms of power generation, despite the "fear-mongering" of activists. Due to the INL's long track record of nuclear energy research and development, the INL is poised to lead the next generation of nuclear reactors, which are cheaper, smaller, and even safer.

To protect nuclear energy, Ed will:

- Support the efforts at the INL so that Idaho can be home to the world's foremost scientists and engineers. Ed will support Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) jobs through a university pipeline to the INL.
- Work with Idaho's Congressional delegation to support the Advanced Nuclear Fuel Availability Program, which will establish a consortium of advanced reactor companies to purchase high-assay low-enriched uranium (HA-LEU), currently not commercially available in the US.
- Fight misinformation by lobbyists and foreign actors who do not have our national interest at heart. The United States and Idaho must lead in global energy rather than cede its influence on nuclear security to China and Russia. Currently, US taxpayers are on the hook for about \$2.5 million a day in liabilities to power companies while a clean, carbon-free, sustainable energy is being wasted.
- Push for policies that protect Idaho's nuclear energy innovation from technology theft by foreign enemies like the CCP.

**Bottom Line:** As Governor of Idaho, Ed will champion nuclear power.

*Nuclear fuel is extremely dense. One uranium pellet (1 inch tall) is equal to 17,000 cubic feet of natural gas and 120 gallons of oil. Nuclear energy produces more electricity on less land than any other clean air source.*

## **Ed Says:**

***"If you believe in the economic policies of Ronald Reagan, Margaret Thatcher, and Donald Trump, then you can't argue with me. Every time we cut taxes and shrink government, we all do so much better!"***

### **The Problem**

In theory, conservatives understand the Reagan model, that reducing taxes boosts the economy and stimulates job creation. In reality, our state has adopted a "socialism-lite" model where the size and cost of government is growing, and innovation and entrepreneurs are stifled by excessive taxes, burdensome regulations, and difficulties finding employees who are equipped with the knowledge for today's in-demand jobs. Boosting private sector, good-paying jobs is a by-product of common-sense policies in areas like education, state land management, and tax policy. Job growth happens when we wisely manage Idaho's natural resources and protect vital industries like agriculture and nuclear energy.

### **The Solution**

Nothing will boost the economy and create better paying jobs more than abolishing the income tax. If the average Idahoan has \$3,000 more in their pocket, then there will be more money spent on the good and services our businesses provide. More sales means higher wages, more jobs, more profits.

To support more innovation and family-wage jobs, Ed will:

- Fast track technical education that provides training for the trades and give direction to high school graduates who can't afford expensive college loans.

- Protect the state's agricultural industry that provides 185 different commodities on 25,000 farms and ranches and is vital for our economy, lifestyle, and national security.
- Support the efforts at the INL, so that Idaho can be home to the world's foremost scientists and engineers. Ed will support Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) jobs through a university pipeline to the INL.
- Fight to open up Idaho's natural resources on state lands now controlled by the federal government, such as the logging industry. Make no mistake, the outcome of federal policies that stifle the use of our state lands means more people who are on the dole of a socialist government.
- Ed will fully implement an Idaho First CCP policy where he fully investigates what Idaho interests have been compromised by the CCP and criminalize the theft and trafficking of trade secrets.

*Entrepreneurs and their small enterprises are responsible for almost all the economic growth in the United States.*

*- Ronald Reagan*

## *Ed Says:*

*"We have law enforcement officers, teachers, and nurses who can't afford housing. We must place a moratorium on refugee resettlement until our state can keep up with the growth happening in Idaho."*

### **The Problem**

Our nation has an incredible legacy helping the downtrodden and oppressed throughout the world. Unfortunately, like so many well-intentioned programs, our compassion is betrayed as our tax dollars are funnelled to politicized non-profit groups and government entities that promote open borders, critical race theory, and socialist welfare entitlements. **Idaho is the third-highest state in per capita refugee resettlement. We accept more refugees than eight other states combined.** However, it is not the State of Idaho that decides where refugees come from, it is the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) that typically decides through a process that is discriminatory to Christians. Many countries in the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), the largest voting bloc in the UN, have outlawed Christianity, which explains why the vast majority of refugees are non-Christian. Considering that the UN body elected Communist China to its Human Rights Council, the UN has not proven they can act in the interests of the US. As socialism spreads throughout the world, one does not need to wonder why a disproportionate number of refugees are placed in conservative states.

Trump's efforts to mandate America First policies, reducing the cap on refugees and giving preference to persecuted Christians, have been reversed by the Biden Administration. Under Trump, Idaho settled 66 refugees per year. Now, under the Biden's administration's increased cap, **Idaho's International Rescue Committee (IRC) is gearing up for 600 refugees per year.**

### **The Solution**

It goes without saying that **strong leadership is needed to implement Idaho First policies.** Because the US is party to a 1967 UN Refugee Convention treaty which guarantees refugees the right to housing and public assistance (welfare), taxpayers bear the responsibility for refugees who cannot support themselves after the eight months of assistance provided by the IRC. Idaho is already experiencing a housing price crisis and a housing shortage. Also considering the Biden Administration's reckless vetting and settling of refugees crossing the Southern US border, and the poor track record of the UN, **a moratorium on refugee resettlement is imperative.**

The US Constitution grants the powers of naturalization specifically to Congress alone. The power of the Governor is VERY limited on immigration issues. However, the Governor can craft a refugee resettlement policy that does not harm Idaho.

*I will suspend immigration from regions comprised of radical Islamic terrorists, including the suspension of the Syrian refugee program, which is taking in thousands and thousands of people that we have no idea where they come from, no idea who they are.*

*-President Donald J. Trump*

## *Ed Says:*

*"The danger of government bureaucrats and corporations making medical decisions for the rest of us cannot be understated."*

### **The Problem**

Too many in Idaho leadership celebrate mass conformity and scorn questions from regular folks as ignorant. But conformity and conscience don't go hand in hand. Forcing others to undergo medical treatments for the "collective good" is wrong, plain, and simple. **Make no mistake, the aim of the collective good is collective control.**

Not only is the need to control your neighbor an immoral one, but equally distasteful is the obvious conflict of interest when hospitals mandate employee vaccinations. St. Luke's alone has received almost \$130 million from the federal Health & Human Services Provider Relief Fund. Additionally, the COVID-19 Coverage Assistance Fund guarantees healthcare providers money for each vaccine administered.

In the wake of CDC flipflops and the censoring of medical professionals who oppose government claims, the public no longer trusts that health recommendations aren't based upon "special interest science" which now pervades every aspect of our lives. For example, in a June 2021 proposal, the American Medical Association (AMA) stated that recording a person's biological sex on a birth certificate can result in "confusion," "discrimination," and "violence." St. Luke's now uses the terms "birth patient" and "non birth parent" in place of "mother" and "father" on birth certificate information forms. People who value freedom can no longer leave personal health decisions to the so-called "experts."

### **The Solution**

The danger of government bureaucrats and corporations making medical decisions for the rest of us cannot be understated. An individual's power to decide for their own health should be preserved and promoted. Families should be empowered to make their own medical decisions and choose the treatment option that best fits their beliefs, values, and needs. To preserve medical freedom, Ed will:

- Ban employer-mandated vaccinations. (Oregon banned health care employees from being required to vaccinate over 30 years ago. Their hospitals have been just fine until the ultra-politicized COVID experimental treatment came around.)
- If a ban on employer vaccine mandates is unattainable, then, at a minimum, make employers legally liable for damages incurred by employees due to adverse health effects from any mandated treatment. Employers who mandate medical treatment must maintain 50K in an insurance fund for each employee for 20 years.
- Ban mask mandates in Idaho schools.
- Ban government agencies and big business from requiring vaccine passports.

*Conformity is the jailer of freedom and the enemy of growth.*

*-John F. Kennedy*

## **Ed Says:**

*"I was deeply unnerved the night of the election after hearing Trump's speech... When I realized the courts would do nothing, I felt compelled to act."*

### **What Ed Has Done to Make Every Vote Count**

In the wee hours of November 4, 2020, Ed started on a path that led to the formation of the Citizens Committee for Election Integrity and their *14 Minimum Standards for Fair and Honest Elections*. These standards have been adopted by the Idaho State GOP and became the model for the National GOP. They were read into the US *Congressional Record* on January 6, 2021. The timely wisdom of these standards in protecting Idaho from the fraud has been proven by post-election audits in other states since the 2020 election

### **What Ed Will Do to Protect Every Vote**

Working with the legislature, Ed will:

- Fix chain of custody vulnerabilities
- Ban "ballot harvesting"
- Establish waiver of fees for Photo ID for individuals with severe financial hardship
- Make sure legislature maintains legal standing over elections
- Prohibit early vote counting
- Strengthen citizenship verification procedures
- Restrict private drop boxes
- Establish more stringent procedures to verify the accuracy of voter registration lists.
- Ensure voting tabulators have no "back door" connections to the internet
- Investigate clear evidence of election fraud in the 2020 election
- Establish post-election audit requirements for future elections.

### **Issues Addressed in the 14 Minimum Standards for Fair and Honest Elections:**

- No minimum distance in observing the vote
- Secure chain of custody at all times
- Equal voting standards across the state
- Voter ID and signature verification required
- Use of physical paper ballots only
- Auditable tracking system for all ballots
- Total number of printed ballots must equal the sum of cast ballots, spoiled ballots, and unvoted ballots
- Ballot tabulation conducted by two independent, unrelated systems
- Tabulation machines to tabulate only with no modification of ballots or internet connection
- Ballot counts must be reconciled with voter records before election can be certified
- Voter rolls purged 180 days before an election
- Election laws and regulations can't be changed for 180 days prior to election
- Election records preserved for 22 months
- Voter ID for provisional ballots must be verified prior to that ballot being counted
- No automatic voter registration when driver's license issued ("motor voter")

*The ballot is stronger than the bullet.*

*-Abraham Lincoln*