

## ***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*