

Johnson County Public Policy Council
2014 U.S. Congressional 3rd District Candidate Profile

Election: August 5, 2014

Please return your completed form by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 1, 2014 to
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Occupation/Work History (last 5 years – 25 words or less):

Kansas State Senator/ Consultant

If you are or have been affiliated with a chamber of commerce or other business organization, please list what organization(s) and any leadership positions you have held:

Other recent political/community experience (25 words or less)?

Kansas State Senator, Wyandotte County Board of Commissioners

As a candidate, what are your top three policy issues (10 words or less per issue)?

1. Education

2. Creating Jobs

3. Protecting Social Security

What are your views on the national economy and tax policy (75 words or less)?

We must be more responsible with our nation's fiscal future. Voting to shut down the government and default on our national credit was a dangerous stunt that cannot be repeated. I will work to lower taxes on the middle class and help ensure that we target our business tax credits more wisely to help those companies that create American jobs. We must invest in job creation.

What are your views on the implementation of the federal Affordable Care Act (50 words or less)?

We cannot return to the era when insurance companies dropped people because of pre-existing conditions. There are changes that need to be made to help business get into compliance without costing us jobs, but we cannot return to the era when people were denied coverage.

What are your views on national energy policy (50 words or less)?

We can create thousands of Kansas jobs by investing in wind and other renewable energies as a balanced approach to energy policy. There is an opportunity to incentivize job creation as we increase renewable energy output, we must capitalize on that opportunity.

What are your views on funding for transportation programs and the extension of MAP-21 (50 words or less)?

As the ranking minority of the Transportation Committee for four years I was part of the bipartisan leadership team that created and subsequently passed the 10-year T-Works Transportation Plan that would enhance and improve infrastructure and create around 150,000 jobs in Kansas as a member of Congress I will support the extension of MAP-21, which will also improve our infrastructure and create jobs.

What is your position on increasing the federal minimum wage and other federal workplace mandates (50 words or less)?

Raising the minimum wage to \$10.10 will provide a liveable wage to help lower income families pay for everyday necessities such as rent, utilities, groceries, and transportation thus increasing business income in the community and lowering reliance on government services and programs.

How would you address the regulatory uncertainty at the federal level that continues to hinder business and economic development (75 words or less)?

Businesses need to know the rules they will be playing under in order to plan for the future. Creating a more stable environment for business begins with a more stable Congress that will prioritize listening to businesses over partisan games. I will work across the aisle to help ensure that we move beyond the era of the shutdown Congress to one that puts our fiscal future ahead of petty partisan game playing.

What are your views on national immigration policy (50 words or less)?

We must pass comprehensive immigration reform. We must be able to regulate a workforce that so many of our businesses depend on. Protecting the security and prosperity of our future depends on passing comprehensive reform. I could support a bill similar to the version the Senate passed last year.

What do you believe distinguishes you from your opponent(s) (50 words or less)?

The greatest difference between us is that I have done what I said I would while Kevin Yoder has consistently done one thing in Kansas while doing another in Washington. For example, he portrayed himself as a champion of Head Start the same month he voted to cut its funding.