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GROWING OUR ECONOMY

The government should not create jobs - people should. I am committed to eliminating red tape and bureaucracy to keep the government out of the way of growing small businesses. The government's responsibility is to promote economic growth by encouraging innovation and providing the necessary climate for businesses to invest in Idaho. That is why I support tax incentives for small businesses so that they can retain solvency and help encourage expansion.

Tax Relief/Reform:

I am committed in the fight to protect Idahoan taxpayers, stop future tax increases, and preserve needed tax cuts. I will protect Idahoan taxpayers by permanently ending the Death Tax, repealing the Alternative Minimum Tax, encouraging working families to save more by establishing tax exempt individual development accounts, making the low tax rates for capital gains and dividends permanent, and preventing future tax increases.

Limited Government:

President Reagan said, "Government that governs least, governs best." He was right. In these tough economic times, it is wrong for Democrats in Washington to further burden taxpayers and small businesses with their plan to increase the 2 million plus Federal workforce. As the size of the Federal government grows, inevitably so does its intrusion into our day-to-day lives. As our next Congressman, I will work to abolish wasteful spending and government programs so that Idaho families and small businesses can keep more of their hard earned money.

Jobs:

Many Idahoan families are going through difficult times. Businesses are scaling back their workforce while others are closing their doors. The government has provided a safety net for those who fall on difficult times. But that is a short-term solution. In the long term, the best social program is a job. The best way to help Idahoan families is to support our small businesses - the real job creators. Every year, small businesses generate 60-80% of all new jobs. Healthy businesses mean healthy families. The people of Idaho want to keep our college graduates, young families, and most productive workers right here in the district. As your representative, I will fight for Idaho's businesses and workers by opposing onerous regulations and taxation on our small businesses. The small businesses of the 1st district will lead us out of this current recession - not government.

Trade:

I will work for trade agreements and policies that focus on securing trade that is free, fair, and balanced. I will support free trade while continuing to push for fair trade practices from some of Idaho and America's most important trading partners. I will fight against policies that will push jobs overseas. I will work to cut the cost of doing business in the United States by lowering health care costs, decreasing tax rates on American manufacturers, cutting down on regulatory and lawsuit costs, and making energy costs more affordable and more reliable. My roadmap legislation would level the playing field for American-made goods and services in the international marketplace. I will also continue to fight to ensure China is playing by the rules and not stealing American jobs.



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