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Hello, My name is Robert Winder,

I am running for State Representative for 21A Boise-Meridian.

What I bring to the table is enlightened thinking and a progressive stance on the future.

It is a troubling time in the state of Idaho. With bills presented by both Liberals and Progressives being subjected to the recycling bin and the constant denial of an individuals rights. Consistently rejected on the basis of religious beliefs and not by moral encompassment. The constant push by the Republican party for an underfunded and overtaxed state. Are now forcing individuals and families to pay the difference.

We're in need of protecting all idahoans of policies implemented by the Republican party. People all across this state are in dire need of having a healthy living with a good paying job and the ability to live a better life. They're also finding it harder to get the support they need with keeping a good paying job and good affordable health insurance.

The dismantling by the Republican party continues with tax cuts to the wealthy and corporations. While the ones struggling are having to pay more.

It has been eight years since the minimum wage increase was refitted.

Today, a minimum wage worker, working full time, would make \$15,080 annually.

The minimum wage in Idaho is about half the amount that it takes to meet the basic needs of one adult in Idaho.

This inequality has imbedded itself in the capitol and rules on the discrimination of others. For a decade the LGBT community has fought hard just for the right to have their marriage license recognized in this state. Another decade to just add the words gender identity and sexual orientation to a law already enacted. As Idahoans we've asked for so long for reform. Only to get pushed back and end up talking to deaf ears.

What more can we do? When Republicans in the capitol are making it harder for anything to change. Bills are now being introduced, limiting an individuals right to help create laws. They're preventing individuals from making informed suggestions to help improve this state. Now it seems to be that if you have money, that is the only time they'll talk to you.

I have had enough of this, and I am not the only one. It is time to change this process and bring back our government to the way it was supposed to be.

Of the people, by the people, for the people.

Thank you for your time.

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