# **REGGY A. STERNES**

CANDIDATE FOR IDAHO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES JEROME & TWIN FALLS COUNTIES (EXCLUDING TWIN FALLS CITY)

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Office seeking	Idaho House of Representatives, District 25A
Party affiliation	. Republican
Web site	. SternesForldaho.com (you can contact me here, too)
"My Take"	. SternesForldaho.com/MyTake
Videos about issues	. SternesForldaho.com/IssueVideos
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Facebook	. Facebook.com/SternesForldaho

## WHY I'M RUNNING FOR OFFICE

I researched the representatives in my district and they earned D and F grades on the Idaho Freedom Index. The incumbent, Rep. Bell, earned an F(-) and has served for 26 years. She was only one of two Republicans who voted against the permit-less concealed carry bill.

I am running because I believe a true limited-government conservative should serve the district.

## **MY PHILOSOPHY OF GOVERNMENT**

I offer the voter a thought-out perspective of government, society, and freedom. My study of history is clear: When government stops walking beside us and starts riding our backs, liberty and freedom is traded for more regulations, higher taxes, slower growth, lower wages, and frustration.

Let's remember the bigger government gets, the smaller The People get.

#### WHAT I'D LIKE TO ACCOMPLISH

First - Get government out of our way. The role of state government is to keep us safe, maintain our roads and public lands, and collect a pool of tax money to educate our children, and help the elderly and the truly needy.

Second - Get Idaho's land back. The Federal government owns two-thirds of Idaho. Remember the Federal housing projects in New York City? Can you say crime, drugs, and poverty?

The Federal government is locking up our lands and making Idaho another housing project. They are restricting our economic growth, our prosperity, and our good paying jobs. They are also limiting its recreational use.

Third - Make Idaho the go-to state for business. Businesses hire employees when they are expanding and need someone to do a task. Nothing more.

The best "jobs program" is a low regulatory environment with simple, predictable, and reasonable (low) taxes. Idaho is competing with other states - so we have to be the best state for business!

Fourth - Make schools compete for students and educational dollars. Money in the form of vouchers should follow the student, not a building or district. When parents can choose schools, no matter if they're public, private, or another district, that's when schools will improve.

Public schools teach political correctness. The only way for schools to teach your values is through true competition and choice.

Why is it that school boards will fire the football coach for one or two losing seasons, but they fail to follow that same principle when it comes to administrators and teachers?

Common core needs to go. No one has ever innovated or succeeded by following centralized, bureaucratic rules.

Fifth - Make patients shop for health care and hospitals and doctors compete for that business. Health care costs will never improve until we stop letting someone else pay the bills.

There are many "money pooling" ideas that would accomplish this, but costs will not come down until people begin to shop for health care and doctors and hospitals are able to compete for a patient's business.

#### **ABOUT STERNES**

My role models include Presidents George Washington and Ronald Reagan. I enjoy reading about American history, freemarket Austrian economics, self-improvement, and faith. I stay active by skiing, camping, hiking, and exercising. My Christian faith is critical to my core belief system.

I am a 21-year U.S. Navy "dirt" veteran (active and reserve) and earned the rank of commander. I served two 10-month combat-zone tours in Afghanistan and earned 22 military awards. I have started and operated several businesses and am a real estate broker (Sternes Realty).

#### EDUCATION

Bachelor of Business Administration, Management and Organization, Idaho State University, Pocatello, Idaho, 1989

Bachelor of Science, Psychology, University Of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho, 1989

Master of Public Health, Health Care Administration & Policy, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon, 1995

## I COULD USE YOUR HELP AND YOUR VOTE

If you agree with my principles and beliefs, please tell others; and if you really want to take back our district and Make Idaho Even Better, I could use your feet, your voice, and your financial support. Check out SternesForldaho.com to learn more.

Thanks for your support!



