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#### Biographical Information:

I was born in Brooklyn, New York in 1944, and was one of five children born to Joseph and Marie de Angelis. Grew up in Queens Village, New York and graduated from St. John's University, B.S. Chemistry (1966). Attended the University of Pennsylvania School of Dentistry, graduating in 1970 with a D.M.D. degree. I married my wife, Lenorah, in 1977 and have raised five wonderful children (Jeff, Michael, Chris, Jamie and Paul).

I began active duty as a Dental Officer in the U.S. Navy in 1970. Duty stations included Naval Hospital, Philadelphia (Internship); USS Simon Lake (AS 33); Naval Air Station, Brunswick, ME; Naval Air Engineering Center, Lakehurst, NJ; USS Canopus (AS 34); University of Missouri-Kansas City (M.S. Oral Biology); Treasure Island, San Francisco, CA; and finally NDC Idaho Falls, ID. After 25 years of active duty I retired as CAPT, USN.

After retiring from the U.S. Navy, I attended Idaho State University, eventually graduating Summa Cum Laude with a B.S. Biology/Education degree in 1996. For 10 years I taught Biology/Zoology in School District 91, mainly at Idaho Falls High School. I finally retired in 2010, and continued service with various non-profits, such as the Soup Kitchen and FISH.

#### Qualifications:

Twenty five years as a Naval Officer instilled in me leadership and management skills. First lesson: Teamwork and caring for members of your command led to mission accomplishment. Listening to other points of view, and communication both up and down the chain of command gave me a high respect for the lowest Seaman to the Chiefs, the real workhorses of the Navy. Second lesson: Never leave anyone behind! You don't have to be a Navy Seal to realize that all the people under your command deserve to advance their careers, and that you fight for their behalf.

Ten years of teaching Science in public high school reemphasized the principle of "Never leave Anyone Behind". I emphasized problem

solving skills, and critical thinking. My students were taught to stand on their own feet, and prepare themselves for real life. Respect for other species and the planet Earth were key ideas in Biological sciences. I was the advisor for the Ben & Jerry Environmental Club, and with outstanding students established a school-wide recycling program of plastic, classroom paper, aluminum cans and kitchen cardboard. To this day, I still recycle these materials weekly, and have included materials from the District 91 main office. All profits go back to the club at Idaho Falls High School.

#### Top Priorities:

The tragedy of the Medicaid gap for 78,000 Idaho citizens goes completely against my principle of "Never leave Anyone Behind". Rigid conservative politics without concern for the health of so many people is beyond comprehension. Education is the most important tool for our children in achieving success in life. Pre-school through College or technical school must be funded and staffed with the best personnel possible. We cannot compete with surrounding states with the low starting salary in place. College costs must be contained and lowered.

An Idaho student loan program with low interest rates could be established for our colleges. The burden of student debt today for our children is unbelievable. High stakes testing must be reigned in, and the burdens on our teachers must be reduced. In the short time since my retirement from SD 91, the following added duties have appeared: Increased preps from 4 to 5; required advisory sessions; senior projects supervision and loss of electives due to preparation courses for high stakes testing. It's no wonder that an exodus of teachers from Idaho and retirements have rocketed.

The revenue stream must be increased with a realistic review of current tax exemptions, and joining other states with Internet taxes required for Idaho. Water conservation and recharge of the Snake River Plain aquifer should be continued at all costs. An independent ethics review committee should be established, and financial disclosure of legislators is required to prevent conflict of interests in legislation. Rigid conservative politics without true communication with opposing party views breeds bad laws, and often tilting at windmills which ends up costing Idaho large sums of legal fees. The minimum wage really needs adjusting for inflation, and a realistic living wage. We need TEAMWORK to solve the problems of jobs, education, infrastructure and ethics.

Finally, women in government must be treated as equals of men, and be paid at equal pay levels. This glass ceiling must be broken for good. Respect for all our citizens whether straight or LGBT should be an equal right. Separation of church and state is fundamental to our United States constitution. Freedom of religion does not give one the right to deny basic rights to all. "Never leave Anyone Behind"!