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I was born in Iowa and moved around between there, Colorado, and California while growing up. Before achieving my dream to be a teacher, I managed a family-owned aluminum fabrication business and worked in commercial insurance. As a single mother, I went back to school to earn my bachelor's of arts from University of California Los Angeles and a teaching certificate at Cal State Dominguez Hills. Coeur d'Alene has been home for 20 years and I can't imagine living anywhere else. After 17 years of teaching 4th grade and middle school, I retired from the Coeur d'Alene School District to enjoy time with my three adult children and their families—especially my five grandchildren! We like to spend time out in this beautiful area playing golf, cycling, hiking and kayaking. Before retirement, I was very active in the Idaho Education Association. Locally, I was heavily involved in the Coeur d'Alene Education Association, serving as the president for eight years. I am very passionate about education, so in my spare time, I volunteer in our schools by preparing meals for parent nights, spearheading book drives to put new and gently used books in our elementary school libraries, and many other small projects to help educators and schools provide for the children of our community.

In Idaho, and District 4 in particular, the environment is an essential part of our lifestyle and our livelihood. That means we need both to protect our forests, lakes, rivers, and mountains so residents and tourists continue to recreationally enjoy them, and also support our local industries like mining and forestry Additionally, we need to create a stronger economy by helping new, innovative businesses find a home in Idaho. These businesses will not only improve the local economy, but will help keep our kids in Idaho by enticing them with good paying careers. Our best and brightest will no longer be forced to leave our great state in order to support themselves and their families. Finally, in order to protect our future, our children need to have access to the best public education possible. Idaho ranks 46th in the nation for K-12 funding, and, although the great educators of this state have tried to close the gap, the state has failed our students. I promise to make the future of Idaho a priority once again by funding 21st Century classrooms.