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**Q1** What is your name and Candidate Committee name?

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**Q2** What is the role of state government in healthcare issues in Wyoming? Describe your top three priorities for improving the healthcare delivery system in the state?

1. **Medicaid expansion**
2. **Funding medical Education & health department service expansion**
3. **Using medical care as an economic diversification**

**Q3** Wyoming's tobacco tax rate of \$.60 per pack ranks 8th lowest in the nation. The national average is \$1.72 per pack. Given the state's declining revenue and Wyoming's low tobacco tax, is increasing the tobacco tax a subject you feel worthy of consideration in the coming biennium? If you do support the tax increase is it primarily based in an interest to generate state revenue or as a method to de-incentivize tobacco use, or both?

**Yes I support increasing the tobacco tax.**

Please Explain:

THis is a no brainer, this tax increase reduces young smokers initiation. We have the data to support this fact.

**Q4** Physicians in Wyoming are required to attend continuing medical education (CME) to maintain their licensure in the State. Many physicians are now also taking part in maintenance of certification (MOC) programs to maintain board certification. MOC programs include more stringent continuing education requirements often at a higher cost, and generally involve high-stakes testing in order to maintain certifications. Wyoming physicians support continuing education requirements, but oppose mandates to maintain board certification. Do you support tying a physician's employment, reimbursement, or licensure to their participation in MOC activities?

Please explain.:

I'm not sure about this. My late husband was going to take more certification courses to ensure his internal medicine certification. I'd like more information. I'd hate to take a nursing board licensing exam again that is a fact. So unsure.

**Q5** With 32 percent of Wyoming's population being covered by public payers (Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, Federal programs, etc), and current projected budget shortfalls, how would you prioritize reimbursement to physicians? Please explain.

Fair reimbursement keeps docs practicing in rural areas. Those who keep costs low have always been penalized by low reimbursements. This needs to be improved.

**Q6** WMS supports physician-led healthcare teams with each licensed provider practicing at the top of their scope. Do you support licensed healthcare professionals expanding their scope of practice or increasing the specific tasks they can perform, such as psychologists prescribing or optometrists performing eye surgery, through rule making or legislation without proof of adequate expanded education, training and curriculum changes?

**No, healthcare providers should only expand scope of practice when done through increased education, curriculum changes in training programs and stringent testing to determine proficiency.**

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Please explain:

I was not a supporter of nurse aides giving medications but it was done to reduce costs. Do we want that for our patients or do we want education to at least give us a measure of protection?

**Q7** The demand for mental health services in Wyoming is on the rise with involuntary hospitalizations increasing at alarming rates. Suicide also remains a concern with Wyoming ranking as the fourth-highest state in the nation. Between the increase in demand for state mental health services and recent overages in the state budget for Title 25 costs, what do you believe can be done to positively impact these trends?

More local treatment programs, actively train, recruit and pay mental health workers a reasonable rate of pay.

**Q8** Would you support legislation to resolve the professional liability crisis in Wyoming? Specifically, would you support a cap on non-economic damages? Would you support other remedies such as adoption of the English rule, no-fault medical liability insurance or other such reforms?

- I support capping non-economic damages **Disagree**
- I do not support capping non-economic damages **Agree**
- I support investigating all avenues to bringing meaningful liability reform to the state including capping non-economic damages. **Disagree**
- I support investigating alternative means to achieving liability reform but do not support capping non-economic damages. **Agree**
- I do not support any efforts to bring liability reform to the state as I do not see there is a current need or crisis. **Disagree**

Please explain:

Mal practice is costly we should find ways to allow medical people to work and be covered fairly. Mal Practice covers the patient and the medical provider. We have a crazy system that doesn't help those who are injured by no fault of the doctor . Mal practice isn't an issue in other developed countries because patients are care for when adverse events happen.

**Q9** WMS advocates for physicians to practice evidence-based medicine grounded in the latest research and safety standards. WMS opposes any legislation that attempts to unnecessarily insert government within the relationship between physicians and their patients as it hinders the ability for doctors to administer the most recent, evidence based, practices in medicine. Do you oppose legislation that unnecessarily inserts government between a physician and a patient?

**Yes, I oppose state legislation that inserts government between a physician and a patient.**

Please explain:

Legislators always practice or try to practice medicine without a license and we allow them to do this.

**Q10** Do you support expanding Medicaid to provide state-based insurance to uninsured Wyomingites for 10% of the cost to the State of Wyoming?

**Yes,**  
Please explain:

We have already refused to except millions of our tax dollars back into the state it is crazy to not cover the uninsured so they can get good primary care.

**Q11** Please send me additional information about the following topics:

Listed on my answers, topic I'd like more info on.

**Q12** Does your candidate committee accept Political Action Committee (PAC) contributions?

Sure