Abortion & Reproductive Issues:

a) Do you generally support pro-choice or pro-life legislation?  Pro-Choice___ Pro-Life___
   Yes___ No___

b) Do you support legalizing abortion when the pregnancy resulted from incest or rape?  Yes___ No___

c) Do you support the prohibition of public funds for organizations that perform abortions?  Yes___ No___

d) Other or expanded principles:
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Budget, Spending, & Tax Issues:

a) In order to balance the budget, do you support reducing state employee salaries AND/OR pensions?  Yes___ No___

b) In order to balance the budget, do you support an income tax increase on any tax bracket?  Yes___ No___

c) Other or expanded principles:
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Campaign Finance & Government Reform Issues:

a) Do you support a limit on campaign contributions to state candidates?  Yes___ No___

b) Do you support the regulation of indirect campaign contributions from corporations and unions?  Yes___ No___

c) Do you support the use of an independent AND/OR bipartisan commission for redistricting?  Yes___ No___

d) Do you support requiring a government-issued photo identification in order to vote at the polls?  Yes___ No___

e) Do you support automatic voter registration?

f) Other or expanded principles:
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I, __________________________, am willing to tell citizens where I stand on the issues I may face if elected. I have demonstrated my Political Courage by indicating my position on the following issues.

Signed: __________________________ Date: __________________________
District: __________________________ State: __________________________

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Crime & Public Safety Issues:
a) Do you support capital punishment for certain crimes?  
Yes___ No___
b) Should an individual under 18 accused of a violent crime be prosecuted as an adult?  
Yes___ No___
c) Do you support the enforcement of federal immigration laws by state and local police?  
Yes___ No___
d) Do you support the use of private prisons in South Dakota?  
Yes___ No___
e) Do you support mandatory minimum sentences for non-violent drug offenders?  
Yes___ No___
f) Should courts view failure to cooperate with law enforcement as an aggravating factor that may not 
allow presumptive probation?  
Yes___ No___
g) Other or expanded principles:
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Economic Issues:
a) Do you support state government spending as a means of promoting economic growth?  
Yes___ No___
b) Do you support lowering state income taxes as a means of promoting economic growth?  
Yes___ No___
c) Do you support reducing state government regulations on the private sector?  
Yes___ No___
d) Do you support requiring welfare applicants to pass a drug test in order to receive benefits?  
Yes___ No___
e) Do you support an increase of the minimum wage of South Dakota?  
Yes___ No___
f) Do you support requiring employers to provide paid family leave?  
Yes___ No___
g) Do you support providing financial relief to businesses AND/OR corporations negatively impacted 
by the state of national emergency for COVID-19?  
Yes___ No___
h) Other or expanded principles:
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Education Issues:
a) Do you support adopting federal education standards in South Dakota?  
Yes___ No___
b) Do you support state funding for charter schools?  
Yes___ No___
c) Do you support increasing teacher salaries AND/OR benefits in South Dakota?  
Yes___ No___
d) Should immigrants unlawfully present in the United States who graduate from South Dakota high 
schools be eligible for in-state tuition at public universities?  
Yes___ No___
e) Do you support prohibiting schools from using team names, mascots, or nicknames that are deemed 
to be racially derogatory or discriminatory?  
Yes___ No___
f) Other or expanded principles:
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Environment & Energy Issues:
a) Do you support state funding for the development of renewable energy (e.g. solar, wind, geo-thermal)?  
Yes___ No___
b) Do you support state government regulation of greenhouse gas emissions?  
Yes___ No___
c) Do you support increasing state funding for clean drinking water initiatives?  
Yes___ No___
d) Do you support restrictions on the purchase of South Dakota farmland by foreign entities?  
Yes___ No___
e) Other or expanded principles:
Gun Issues:
a) Do you generally support gun-control legislation?  Yes ___ No___
b) Should background checks be required on gun sales between private citizens at gun shows? Yes ___ No___
c) Should teachers be allowed to bring guns into the classroom after passing gun safety training? Yes ___ No___
d) Should a license be required for gun ownership? Yes ___ No___
e) Other or expanded principles:
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Health Issues:
a) Should the state government increase funding for treatment facilities to combat opioid abuse? Yes ___ No___
b) Do you support Medicaid expansion through South Dakota's health care programs? Yes ___ No___
c) Do you support requiring individuals to purchase health care insurance? Yes ___ No___
d) Do you support legislation that grants citizens the right to choose to die through euthanasia? Yes ___ No___
e) Do you support eliminating religious exemptions for vaccinations? Yes ___ No___
f) Do you support requiring businesses to provide paid medical leave during public health crises, such as COVID-19? Yes ___ No___
g) Do you support mandating that healthcare professionals recommend alternative pain treatment plans before prescribing opioids? Yes ___ No___
h) Other or expanded principles:
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Social Issues:
a) Do you support the inclusion of sexual orientation in South Dakota's anti-discrimination laws? Yes ___ No___
b) Do you support the inclusion of gender identity in South Dakota's anti-discrimination laws? Yes ___ No___
c) Do you support greater efforts by South Dakota state government in closing the pay gap between men and women? Yes ___ No___
d) Other or expanded principles:
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Legislative Priorities:
a) In the following area, please explain in a total of 100 words or less, any additional priorities of your campaign that have not been covered in these questions.
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b) In the following area, please explain in a total of 100 words or less, your top legislative priority and how you plan to fund it.
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