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What race are you running in? (LD? House? Senate?)

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Q5

Children who have year-round health Insurance do better in school, are more likely to graduate from high school, are healthier, and earn more in adulthood. There are approximately 161,000 uninsured children in Arizona. If elected, how would you help ensure that all children and families have access to the health care that they need?

I am in favor of a single-payer universal health care plan that is open to all, regardless of income or citizenship.

Q6

We know that a child's earliest years, birth to age 8, are the most important for the development of their brains. High-quality early childhood experiences can enhance that development. How can the state take a role in helping parents give their children the best start in life?

To help parents give their children the best start in life, I would support: A paid family leave program; universal, free, full-day preschool and kinder; enhanced SNAP and TANF benefits; increases in the minimum wage to reduce poverty; universal healthcare to ensure children get the care they need; and more.

Q7

Many families in Arizona are struggling. Housing is becoming increasingly unaffordable, nearly one in four children live in poverty, and resources that used to be available to help families are no longer there. Research shows that when access to safety net resources are low, foster care populations are high. What is your plan to help children and families get the resources and services they need to keep them out of the child welfare system?

I am in favor of a suite of economic policies to help struggling Arizona families. Such policies include: a statewide rent stabilization law; reversing preemptive zoning laws that disallow multifamily units; increasing SNAP and TANF benefits; creating a universal healthcare system to alleviate the cost of skyrocketing health insurance; simplify the benefit application process; ease income and asset eligibility standards so families aren't penalized for work;

Q8

Arizona has been among the bottom states in per pupil K-12 funding for the past decade which has resulted in severe challenges including teacher shortages, crowded classrooms, and insufficient student support services. How will you ensure that students in every neighborhood have access to quality, well-funded education in Arizona

Introducing legislation to create universal, full-day preschool and kindergarten in Arizona; Appropriating tens of millions of dollars to ensure every public school is staffed by a social worker, counselor, librarian, and nurse; Increasing revenue to ensure all public school teacher salaries start at at least \$65,000 per year plus fully-paid benefits; Abolishing tuition for Arizona community colleges and public universities; Fully funding public schools in order to decrease class sizes; Restore funding for the arts, music, sports, and other extracurriculars; Expanding supports for special education students; Ensuring every student--especially students in rural and Tribal areas--have access to high-speed internet; Ending the school-to-prison pipeline; Implement thriving wages for all school staff, including custodial and support staff; Ending school lunch debt and ensure a free, universal meals program for all students Instituting a progressive education funding system wherein schools in economically exploited areas receive a higher share of funding Protecting the teaching profession and teachers unions by repealing anti-labor laws and laws that to criminalize teachers for teaching accurate history Ensuring students have access to age-appropriate, scientifically-accurate, and inclusive health education

Q9

Arizona's elected leaders have created a tax code that is upside down and regressive— meaning that those with low incomes pay a much higher share of their income in taxes compared to Arizona's highest income earners. If elected, what will you do to make sure that wealthy and corporations pay their share of taxes?

In addition to raising personal income tax (like Prop 208 did), I support: **Make Corporations Pay Their Fair Share:** A decade ago, state legislators made the biggest cut to the corporate tax rate in Arizona history, dropping the corporate tax rate from 6.9% to 4.9%. In office, I would fight to return the state corporate income tax rate to 7%, which would produce more than \$80 million in annual revenue—money we could invest in education and other critical services. **Crack Down on Corporate Tax Cheats:** Doug Ducey cut the number of corporate tax auditors—whom Arizona depends on to catch and prosecute corporate tax cheats. I would crack down on corporate tax cheats by introducing legislation to increase the number of corporate tax auditors. Researchers find that for every dollar we spend on auditing, we get back \$10 in collections, giving us tens of millions of dollars to invest in our communities. **Introduce a Wealth Tax on the Ultra-Rich:** The ultra-rich have rigged the tax rules in their favor so much that the top 0.1% pay a lower effective tax rate than the bottom 99% in our country. I would fight to level the playing field by introducing an Elizabeth Warren-style 1% tax on net worth over \$50 million. **Close Tax Loopholes for Luxury Goods:** Special interests have employed armies of lobbyists to create loopholes so that they can evade taxes. No more. I would introduce legislation to end the ludicrous \$0 tax on private jets, art gallery purchases, and country club memberships. **End Ducey's Capital Gains Tax Scam:** Capital gains are the profits an investor gets when selling an asset like stocks. In 2012, Arizona lawmakers passed a law to cut many capital gains taxes by 25%. The problem? 83% of the benefits from this tax cut went to the top 5 percent of wealthiest Arizonans. It's time to repeal this tax cut for the rich and raise \$116 million in annual revenue that we can invest in public services. **Bring Back the Dynasty Tax for the Ultra-Wealthy Legacy Families:** A massive share of our nation's wealth is concentrated in the hands of a few families. It's time to combat this extreme wealth concentration and expand opportunity for the 99%. Which is why I would bring back Arizona's estate tax, which places a reasonable tax on inheritances worth more than \$3.5 million. This would raise \$130 million for our state to invest back into our people.

Q10

As the cost of living is rising faster than wages in Arizona, many households are struggling to afford basic needs. If elected, what are three ways that you will improve economic well-being for Arizonans?

Increase the minimum wage; fight for legislation making it easier to unionize (which will increase wages for workers); provide more robust public benefits (like tuition-free college and free healthcare) that eliminate major costs for families and prevent them from going into debt.
