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1. Should the work of State government be performed by State employees?

Yes

2. As an elected official, how would you improve the overall safety of state employees?

I am not a security expert, why would you ask me that question. I will say that the protections should be proportionate to the risk whether it is hard hats, ear protection, or bulletproof glass.

3. What is your plan to make the health care system more fair and equitable for working Vermonters?

I do not have a plan for which I am advocating. Again, I am not a health or insurance expert. I will listen to what knowledgeable people have to say and then support a plan. I have several times in my career put forward single payer legislation and to my chagrin found that it was inadequately formed to be effective.

4. Will you support collective bargaining and vote against "Right to Work" legislation in any form?

Yes

5. What do you see as the role of State employees and how would you support them in their role?

We entrust state employees to carry out the public policies approved by the Legislature and signed by the Governor, nothing more nothing less and do that for a fair wage.

6. What mechanisms would you put in place to avoid budget shortfalls?

Better budget planning on the part of the administration coupled with consistent oversight evaluations of what are we accomplishing with our policies by the Legislature.

7. What approach would you take to make higher education more affordable for Vermonters?

I make no claim that either of these approaches will work, they are just some ideas I have been thinking about lately. Increases in state funding for UVM and the state colleges that are above the level of inflation coupled with an aggressive programs for distance learning to reduce costs for facilities.

8. What would you do to ensure the viability of the state college system?

See seven, coupled with more administrative consolidation among the schools.

9. Do you support a livable wage for Vermonters? If so, what do you think that amount should be?

I do have a policy for this question; \$15/hr with COLA. Labor and economic experts both say that it will help wage earning families and the economy.

10. Briefly state why the VSEA should endorse you, and describe the type of assistance that you would be seeking from a VSEA endorsement.

In 28 years of legislative service, the last time I checked (or one was published) I had a 100% labor voting record.