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I grew up in Eastern Idaho, graduating from Madison High School, Ricks College (now BYU-Idaho), and with a bachelor's degree in accounting from Utah State University. I worked as a Certified Public Accountant and Certified Financial Planner at Rudd & Company, an accounting and business consulting firm with offices in Idaho and Montana, for over 35 years and served as the firm's CEO for twenty years.

During my service in the Idaho State Senate, I have served on the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee, chaired the Local Government and Taxation Committee, and I am currently the President Pro Tem of the Senate.

My experience has taught me to know business. I have been consulting with and advising businesses for decades. I understand how tax policy and government regulations affect small businesses and advocate for a business-friendly environment in Idaho.

During my time in the Legislature, we have reduced both income and property taxes while boosting funding for public education. I believe the social and economic future of Idaho depends on the quality education of our children. I spearheaded legislation providing incentives to those who contribute to schools, significantly enhancing private donations.

I have also defended Idaho's natural resources from federal intrusion, recognizing that our natural resources are vital to the preservation of agriculture and other businesses and are essential to the growth and vitality of our communities.

I govern based on principles, not politics. Principles must guide our leaders at every level of government if this nation is to continue as a beacon to all people who love liberty.