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I grew up farming and ranching. I love the outdoors, animals and the dirt. I live in Hammett with my daughter on a small farm there. I serve as Hammett Republican Party Precinct Committeewoman and Elmore County State Committeewoman. I have been PTA president, school board member, small business owner, farm owner operator, western director for Women's Watch, National Farmers Union representative and Friends of NRA county chairman.

My greatest blessings are my five children and eleven grandchildren.

I believe that all are endowed with God-given rights. Government has no right to mandate that the individual purchase a product or service of any kind and then punish them for not doing so. The right to life, liberty and the ability to pursue happiness should never be compromised.

I believe in bottom up, not top down, government. I believe that the sovereignty of states supersedes the power of the federal government. State and county governments are in the best position to know what is best for their citizens.

I will defend the rights of the citizens to keep and bear arms, knowing that liberty and responsibility go hand in hand, trusting that law abiding citizens know and accept that responsibility and their right to protect themselves and their families from threats foreign and domestic.

Life is the most basic right of all. There is life at conception, and that life should be protected from that point until natural death. Dignity is a right afforded to all. To those who are in no position to speak for themselves, we who have a voice are responsible to protect that dignity.

Statistics prove that our state is in a better position to control public lands than federal bureaucrats. Public lands under state and local control are healthier, and by far more profitable. Bureaucratic red tape, binds the hand of good stewardship.

Not having control of land within the borders of the state robs the citizens of money that would fund the state without federal mandate and interference. Management of these lands could ease the burden of tax on the citizens and allow growth and development within the state.

I believe that the decisions that affect the education of our children should be in local control, handled by those locally elected to serve on school boards. Funds need to go to the classroom. The focus of elementary education should be learning reading, writing, arithmetic, social studies, geography and science. Our children deserve to be learning, not being taught how to pass a test.

I believe many of the challenges that face our State and Our Country can be improved through free market principles. I will stand strong for these ideals and work to uphold the Constitution of Idaho and The United States of America.