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Background:

Ron has served in the Idaho Legislature since 2014 and serves on the House Revenue and Taxation Committee, Environment Energy and Technology Committee, and Judiciary Rules and Administration Committee. Ron was born and raised in Salt Lake City, Utah and graduated with a B.S. in Economics from the University of Utah. He married Maria Olsen (Idaho Falls), and attended graduate school at the University of Connecticut where he earned an M.A. and a Ph.D. in Economics. He specialized in Public Economics, Economics of Poverty, and Economics of Education. Ron was an Assistant Professor for three years at Ohio University-Eastern, and in 2001 joined the economics faculty at BYU-Idaho. Ron and Maria live in Rexburg and have four children (ages 12, 15, 17, & 19) and are active community members. Fun fact: Ron had a variety of odd jobs that got him through school including stacking hay, staging onions, video arcade attendant, tire mounter, dance club DJ, pontoon boat operator, upholstery delivery, auto parts warehouse specialist, and t-shirt design/printing. Proper training, family values, and a wide variety of experience, all combine to make Ron a well-rounded representative for District 34.

Ron's Legislative Philosophy

During my last campaign, I promised a three-part test for legislation to get my support: the law must be Constitutional, Economically Feasible, and Morally Sound. On the House floor, I swore an oath to support the Idaho and U.S. Constitutions. In my first term, I kept my promise and was true to my oath. I was the lead sponsor of the successful Ultrasound Information Act, co-sponsored Idaho's Constitutional carry law, and sponsored legislation to remove the SBAC test. I introduced legislation for repealing Obamacare in Idaho and banning dismemberment abortions. As I talk with people on their porches, going door to door, I see how District 34 shares these conservative values. I renew my promise and oath to represent those conservative values in the Idaho House in a second term.