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I am a fifth-generation Idahoan, the oldest of six raised by a wonderful set of parents in Twin Falls. My ancestors helped settle Southeast and South Central Idaho. My Granddad and my Dad were farmers and ranchers, until Dad became a stockbroker. My Mom founded the Twin Falls Community Theater and taught at the High School. For Dad, serving in the community included being a Republican precinct chairman. In high school, I was the president of the Teenage Republicans for Twin Falls County.

Some of my earliest memories are laboring in my family's farm fields and working as a river guide to pay my way through college. During this time, I truly learned to appreciate our public lands and the importance of education. The opportunity to go to college opened the door for me to pursue my dreams and laid the foundation for me to become a successful lawyer and businessman.

I have spent my career getting things done and helping people. I have held leadership positions in companies and in non-profit organizations. From my childhood in Twin Falls and throughout my business career, I have learned and practiced the values of independence, hard work, honesty, and respect. These are values I share with each and every Idahoan and values that make Idaho such a special place to live.

As a businessman, I have helped turn businesses around by putting employees first and finding collaborative solutions. I have been guided by the Golden Rule, treating others with respect and dignity. Lifting up instead of pushing down.

I will protect our way of life. I will never sell off our public lands to the rich or to corporate interests, and I will never burden our state with the costs of management. I will work to protect vital services in Idaho, like Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid. I will work tirelessly to improve education in Idaho for everyone, child and adult, so everyone can compete in the 21st century job market. I will work to improve veteran services, and I will always protect our freedoms.

I will never forget where I come from or whom I serve--because I will fiercely hold to my Idaho values and I will always put Idaho first.