

Bill Rutherford (D) for Legislative District 20, Idaho State Senate | Meridian, ID 10:20

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Biography

Bill Rutherford is a 64 year old retired professional civil/structural engineer, business owner and veteran who retired to Meridian, Idaho in 2011 with his wife Susan. He is a native of Worcester, Mass who graduated from Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) in 1973 with a BSCE. He was an ROTC Army Scholarship recipient. After graduation he served as a Combat Engineering Officer from 1973 to 1977 leaving the service with the rank of Captain. Susan lived in Boise from 1980 to 1986 when she worked for the Forest Service and she introduced Bill to the area many years ago.

Qualifications

After Bill left the Army in 1977 he worked as a Pre-Cast Concrete Plant Manager. He also worked as a Union trained Ironworker and Welder. His experience as an Ironworker and Welder helped him get his first Engineering assignment with the New Hampshire HWY Bridge Design Department. He not only did bridge design work but was responsible for overseeing the fabrication and welding of the steel used in the state's bridges.

As a Professional Engineer since 1980 and Construction Manager, Bill has managed multi-million dollar projects and owned his own consulting business where he worked as an Expert Witness. He has worked in the fields of Bridge Design, Nuclear and Non-Nuclear Power Generation, Municipal Engineering, Welding and Heavy Rigging. For ten years he worked for the Department of Energy in Richland, WA as a senior Federal Official as part of a nuclear-waste clean-up program.

Bill loves the outdoors and hiking is his favorite activity. He also enjoys music, reading and photography.

Bill's volunteer work has included judging science fairs, speaking to 5th and 6th graders about math and science and shelving books at his local library. He is presently training to be a volunteer Medicare Counselor for SHIBA, a program managed by the Idaho Department of Insurance.

Susan and Bill have three children, nine granddaughters and one grandson.

### Why Vote for Bill Rutherford?

He has the practical, business and life experience necessary to make responsible fiscal and policy decisions for Idaho. He cares about people. When asked to vote on a bill he promises to research whether or not the proposed bill benefits or harms Idaho. He will only accept campaign donations from private individuals and non-profits who want to help Idaho. Bill wants to help restore Voter Representation, Public Trust and Ethics to Idaho politics. He considers serving in the Idaho Legislature a privilege that should never be taken for granted. Bill and his wife Susan love Idaho and want to help preserve what makes it a great place to live.

Bill believes that the residents of this state should decide its future, not Corporations or Political Action Committees (PACs). Even though he supports Campaign Finance Reform, he believes that the best reform comes from electing politicians who won't take the money from those who are only looking to increase their profits.