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## What is your position on establishing liability protections for employers from frivolous lawsuits related to COVID-19?

I favor establishing liability protections at the Federal level, but if that fails, doing so at the state level. Section 7 of Kentucky's Constitution complicates this issue.

## What are your top budget priorities for the 2021 session?

In a word, I could say survival. We must make our promised payments to the retirement plans, which may require further belt-tightening. I do not see progress on tax reform, but I would support increasing the fuel tax while also revising the fund distribution formulae to make it more fair for urban areas. We must improve our roads to meet business growth and the demands of a growing demand for housing in the east-end.

## What criminal justice reforms would you support and/or oppose in the 2021 session?

I support bail reform for non-violent/non-sexual offenders. While we must protect the freedom of assembly and speech, I would support higher penalties for property destruction during a riot or non-peaceful protest.

## What are your transportation and infrastructure priorities for 2021?

As mentioned earlier, we must raise more revenue for the road fund. Other than completing the I-move project, I support widening Taylorsville Road, Shelbyville Road and building the Eastwood-Fisherville Connector with a new interchange with I-64.

## What steps do you think the General Assembly should take to lower the unemployment rate and get Kentuckians back to work?

We should ensure that business of all sizes are treated equally during the COVID emergency. We must increase access to child-care for working families. I support re-examining the government's response to the pandemic to ensure we minimize disruption of the economy. We must protect the most vulnerable without continuing to discourage people from showing up for work.



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## How can the General Assembly most effectively support K-12 schools and higher education institutions in the 2021 session?

We have to pass the second year of the biennial budget, so I hope we can continue to fund schools as we have in the current fiscal year. We can't borrow money to fund operations, so we must ensure money gets to the classroom and not drained away in administration, transportation and overhead. While I'm not an expert on K-12 education, we must get kids off NTI as soon as possible. While most kids can handle the disruption in their education, I believe NTI has been a disaster for the children of low-income families and kids lacking parental support at home.

## What changes to Kentucky's tax code would you support to improve Kentucky's business competitiveness?

I'm open to ideas, but in the current fiscal environment, I do not anticipate success of any measure that reduces state tax revenues on any broad scale.

## What measures would you support in the 2021 session to support Kentucky's economic recovery?

Again, we must increase access to child-care for working families. I support re-examining the government's response to the pandemic to ensure we minimize disruption of the economy. We must protect the most vulnerable without continuing to discourage people from showing up for work. I will work closely with GLI and The Kentucky Chamber to move Kentucky's economy ahead, since they are the voice of business.