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

I intend to support legislation to prevent businesses who are following and practicing safe opening policies guided by the state and federal government from being targeted by frivolous lawsuits that not only impact our judicial system, but also targets small businesses seemingly with bias who are following health and safety standards.

What are your top budget priorities for the 2021 session?

1. COVID-19 Recovery by restoring confidence in education and making sure that students and teachers are able to safely able to return to class. Education is key to ensuring that our children's futures aren't entirely disrupted by the global pandemic.
2. Business growth by finding ways to support our infrastructure and ensure that families are able to safely travel and commute to participate in our economy. Additionally, reinvigorated infrastructure will help our industries grow.
3. Drug Crisis

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

I would support looking at legislation by:

- Improving Kentucky's expungement system by further reducing costs, streamlining application and approval processes, lowering or removing wait periods, and making the expungement of acquittals and dismissals automatic
- Providing more opportunities for transitional living.
- Reforming our bail system to place limitations on the use of monetary bail or transition to a cashless bail system.
- Reclassifying certain non-violent offenses
- Adjusting felony thresholds
- Improving probation and parole processes
- Increasing the use of alternatives to imprisonment
- Providing more education and workforce training opportunities to inmates
- Developing treatment plans for ex-offenders with substance use disorders



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What are your transportation and infrastructure priorities for 2021?

- Modernize our revenue-sharing formula that the state uses to allocate gas tax revenues
- Update Kentucky's gas tax and other road-fund revenue streams
- Look for ways to ensure that electric and hybrid vehicles that use Kentucky roads adequately contribute to the maintenance of roads and bridges
- Provide funding to invest in quality water and sewer infrastructure

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

- Reform unemployment insurance so that it incentivizes unemployed Kentuckians to get back to work as quickly as possible
- Reform our tax code so it is competitive and attracts new businesses, encourages entrepreneurship, and grows our workforce

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

- Expand access to high-quality, full-day Pre-K education using a mixed-delivery model that includes funding for professional childcare centers and schools
- Fully fund key childhood education programs such as need-based Pre-K and the Child Care Assistance Program
- Continue to dedicate more funding to the SEEK per pupil funding mechanism
- Support dual credit and early college programs
- Increase postsecondary funding levels to help keep student costs down
- Establish a tax credit to incentivize individuals and businesses to contribute to scholarship-granting organizations that focus on low-income families



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

- Broaden the state sales tax base while reducing the individual & corporate income tax
- Repeal the Limited Liability Entity Tax
- Ensure business-to-business transactions remain exempt from sales and use taxes
- Streamline sales tax exemption rules for contractors when completing projects for tax-exempt entities
- Completely exempt manufacturing machinery parts from the state sales tax
- Increase the cigarette tax and tax electronic cigarettes
- Make the application process for tax credits easier to complete
- Review and update the reference to the Internal Revenue Code on an annual basis

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

A strategy combined with everything already answered and that includes an updated/reformed tax code, better educational system that lets parents get back to work, ensures unemployed Kentuckians are able to get back to work, and supports a budget that prioritizes a re-opened economy