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

Frivolous lawsuits are best determined by the courts.

What are your top budget priorities for the 2021 session?

Typically, this would be a off budget year. However with COVID-19, a new one year budget in a short session will have to be passed. Generate new revenue such as legalizing sports betting and restructure the tax code.

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

Decriminalize recreational marijuana 1-3 ounces; civil fine only. Pass Breonna's Law legislation. Cash bail reform.

What are your transportation and infrastructure priorities for 2021?

Maintain and improve roads and bridges for safety and commercial purposes. I'd like to read the Transportation budget proposal and talk with Sec. Jim Gray.

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

As of this writing, the KY unemployment rate is about 5.7% (USA Facts). The KY General Assembly should adequately fund KY Career Centers. This agency should function optimally and serve as a pipeline to help the unemployed secure jobs and with retraining/upskilling. Job opportunities vary by region in the state. I recognize some areas are going to be more challenging for securing good jobs.

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

Fully fund public education.



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

Repeal the flat tax and return to the previous tax code. Flat tax hurts smaller business at the lower end whereas bigger businesses can afford to pay more because they are at the higher end. This is fair taxation or tax equity. One pays according to their share.

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

Relief for businesses and unemployment is largely coming from the federal government. I'd work with the Governor to apply for any additional funding that continues to support those persons or businesses negatively impacted by COVID-19.