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

There are protections against frivolous lawsuits in place. If there are additional protections against frivolous lawsuits, that law can be amended.

What are your top budget priorities for the 2021 session?

Right now, our only priority is to take care of the basic needs of Kentuckians. More than that depends on the consensus forecasting group results.

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

I support raising the felony threshold and reevaluating repeat offender laws. I would like to see us move away from incarceration for nonviolent offenses and an expansion of our drug courts for offenders with drug offenses.

What are your transportation and infrastructure priorities for 2021?

Realizing we will be operating with a very tight budget, expansion of our interstate system would be my first priority.

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

Long term unemployed need retraining and incentives to enter new fields of work. The biggest challenge for those affected by COVID will be supporting businesses to reopen so jobs are available.

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

We must gradually restore funding to previous levels although the 2021 session may not be the time to increase school funding. We must invest in cutting edge technology and expand the JCPS Academies approach to other parts of the state. Good schools attract quality employers.



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

Our tax code as it relates to small businesses and start ups needs to be simplified and tied only to actual profits of nascent businesses.

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

I believe our recovery will be gradual and every sector will have to give some. We must establish policies that incentivize creation of good paying jobs to get people back to work.