

IDAHO AFL-CIO

2018 Statewide Candidate Questionnaire

Please Return Questionnaire to: Idaho Afl-CIO, 225 N 16th St, Ste 201D or teresa@idahoaf-cio.org

First Name W. Scott	Middle Name	Last Name Howard
Office Sought U.S. House of Representatives	District 1	Party Libertarian

Incumbent
 Challenger
 Open

Do you currently hold or have you previously held public office(s)? Describe

No I haven't

Have you received an endorsement from the Idaho AFL-CIO in the past?
If so, for which office(s)?

No I haven't

Official Campaign Committee Name W. Scott Howard for Idaho

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Are you now or have you ever been a union member? Union(s) and Local(s)?

Teamsters - when I was a driver for UPS (two months)
A Hospitality union for CA-1 Services that no longer exists

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How will you support and protect the rights of workers, both private and public, to form or join Unions and bargain collectively?

Everyone should be free to form/join a union.
 Every employer should be free to hire union and non-union employees.
 Union members are entitled to protections and benefits of the union.
 Non-Union members should not be.

What does "Right to Work" mean to you and where do you stand?

Right to work means everyone should be able to work without a requirement of unionization.
 However this does NOT mean everyone is entitled to protections and benefits of the Union, if they don't want to be part of the Union, then they should have no Union representation.

What is your number one priority if you are elected to office?

My 3 top priorities are
 1) Enacting and enforcing Term Limits
 2) Removing legislation that infringes on the 2nd Amendment
 3) Reducing the size and scope of Government to it's original intent.

Do you oppose public funds being diverted to fund private schools?	YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
Would you oppose attempts to weaken or eliminate the Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho (PERSI)?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	NO
Do you oppose the elimination of same day voter registration?	YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
Do you support Project Labor Agreements?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	NO
Do you support licensing for skilled trades? optional, but highly encouraged	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	NO
Do you support Medicaid Expansion in Idaho? Would need to see more information	YES	NO
Would you support a Prevailing Wage Law for state funded projects?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	NO
Would you oppose efforts intended to restrict a Unions' right to be involved in political and legislative activities?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	NO

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What do you believe are the 3 most important issues facing working people in Idaho?
How will you make an impact on these issues short term and long term?

Wages - Especially in food Service (tipped positions)
Larger Companies
Government regulation and taxation.

Work to remove disparate minimum wages while protecting business owners rights.
Encourage free market without government subsidies interference.
Drive the reduction and simplification of taxation and government bureaucracy.

Do you believe that wages in Idaho are currently adequate? If not, what steps would you take?

For tipped employees I believe they are being undercut by regulation.

To address this the same baseline must be used for all classes of labor.

Do you support contractors being required to utilize Registered Apprentices on State funded construction project? What other steps will you take to strengthen and expand federally registered apprenticeships in Idaho?

I do not support legislation that would exclude a non-union employment.

However, separating the protections and benefits that a Union provides from non-union employees would be a worthy goal I would be honored to pursue.