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Abortion Issues: Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) regarding abortion.

- a) Abortions should always be illegal.
- b) Abortions should always be legal.
- c) Abortions should be legal only within the first trimester of pregnancy.
- d) Abortions should be legal when the pregnancy results from incest or rape.
- e) Abortions should be legal when the life of the woman is endangered.
- f) Prohibit the dilation and extraction procedure, also known as "partial-birth" abortion.
- g) Prohibit public funding of abortions and of organizations that advocate or perform abortions.
- h) Other or expanded principles

Budgetary, Spending, and Tax Issues:

Using the key, indicate what federal funding levels you support for the following general categories. Select one number per category.

1) Budget Priorities

**KEY**

1 = Greatly Increase  
 2 = Slightly Increase  
 3 = Maintain Status  
 4 = Slightly Decrease  
 5 = Greatly Decrease  
 6 = Eliminate

- 5 a) Agriculture
- 2 b) Arts
- 3 c) Defense
- 2 d) Education
- 2 e) Environment
- 2 f) Homeland security
- 2 g) International aid
- 4 h) Law enforcement
- 3 i) Medical research
- 2 j) National parks
- 5 k) Public health services
- 3 l) Scientific research
- 2 m) Space exploration programs
- 2 n) Transportation and highway infrastructure
- 2 o) Welfare
- p) Other or expanded categories

2) Defense Spending

- 3 a) Armed forces personnel training
- 3 b) Intelligence operations
- 3 c) Military hardware
- 3 d) Modernization of weaponry and equipment
- 2 e) National missile defense
- 2 f) Pay for active duty personnel
- 3 g) Programs to improve troop retention rates
- 4 h) Research and development of new weapons
- 3 i) Troop and equipment readiness
- j) Other or expanded categories

Using the key above, indicate what federal tax levels you support for the following general categories. Select one number per category.

3) Taxes

Income Taxes:

- Family Income
- 6 a) Less than \$25,000
- 4 b) \$25,000-\$75,000
- 3 c) \$75,000-\$150,000
- 3 d) Over \$150,000
- e) Other or expanded categories

Other Taxes:

- 2 f) Alcohol taxes
- 4 g) Capital gains taxes
- 2 h) Cigarette taxes
- 1 i) Corporate taxes
- 2 j) Gasoline taxes
- 5 k) Inheritance taxes
- l) Other or expanded categories

Deductions/Credits:

- 1 a) Charitable contributions
- 1 b) Child tax credit
- 3 c) Earned income tax credit
- 1 d) Medical expense deduction
- 3 e) Mortgage deduction
- 3 f) Student loan credit
- g) Other or expanded categories

Abuse loopholes for the wealthiest

Close the loopholes - reduction off-shore corps.

Retiree Income

- f) Over \$40,000
- g) Other or expanded categories

- 4) Do you support permanent repeal of the federal estate tax?  Yes  No  Undecided
- 5) Do you support eliminating taxes on dividends paid to individual investors?  Yes  No  Undecided
- 6) Should a married couple filing jointly pay the same taxes as if they were an unmarried couple filing separately?  Yes  No  Undecided
- 7) Other or expanded principles

Campaign Finance and Government Reform Issues: Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) regarding campaign finance and government reform.

- a) Support public taxpayer funding for federal candidates who comply with campaign spending limits.
- b) Increase the amount individuals are permitted to contribute to federal campaigns.
- c) Prohibit Political Action Committee (PAC) contributions to candidates for federal office.
- d) Allow unregulated soft money campaign contributions to political parties or committees.
- e) Allow ads paid for by soft money that support or attack a candidate for federal office.
- f) Allow issue advocacy commercials by corporations, labor unions, and non-profit groups which appear within 60 days of a general election and within 30 days of a primary election.
- g) Remove all contribution limits on federal campaigns and parties.

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- c) Should the United States grant law enforcement agencies greater discretion to read mail and email, tap phones, and conduct random searches to prevent future terrorist attacks?  Yes  No  Undecided
- d) Should the United States hold foreign states accountable for terrorists who operate in their country?  Yes  No  Undecided
- e) Should the federal government increase funding to states and cities for homeland security?  Yes  No  Undecided
- f) Do you support a policy of pre-emptive strikes against countries deemed to be a threat to national security?  Yes  No  Undecided

g) Other or expanded principles \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Issues: Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) regarding Social Security.

- a) Allow workers to invest a portion of their payroll tax in private accounts which they manage themselves.
- b) Allow workers to invest a portion of their payroll tax in private accounts managed by private firms contracted by the government.
- c) Invest a portion of Social Security assets collectively in stocks and bonds instead of United States Treasury securities.
- d) Increase the payroll tax to better finance Social Security in its current form.
- e) Lower the annual cost-of-living increases.
- f) Raise the retirement age for when individuals are eligible to receive full Social Security benefits.

g) Other or expanded principles \_\_\_\_\_

Technology and Communication Issues: Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) regarding technology and communication.

- a) Collect taxes on commercial Internet transactions.
- b) Continue the moratorium on Internet taxation.
- c) Implement regulation of Internet content.
- d) Support government mandates to curtail violent and sexual content on television.
- e) Support strict penalties for Internet crimes (e.g. hacking, identity theft, worms/viruses).
- f) Support legislation to detail how personal information can be collected and used on the Internet.
- g) Regulating the Internet is not a responsibility of the federal government.
- h) Impose regulations on "spam" emails.

i) Other or expanded principles \_\_\_\_\_

Welfare and Poverty Issues: Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) regarding welfare and poverty.

- a) Require welfare recipients to spend at least 40 hours a week in a combination of work and training programs.
- b) Increase funding for child care programs.
- c) Continue to give states and local governments flexibility in and responsibility for welfare programs through federal block grants.
- d) Direct federal poverty aid through religious, community-based or other non-profit organizations.
- e) Abolish all federal welfare programs.
- f) Support housing assistance for low-income families.

g) Other or expanded principles \_\_\_\_\_

Legislative Priorities: On an attached page, disk, or via email, please explain in a total of 75 words or less, your top two or three priorities if elected. If they require additional funding for implementation, please explain how you would obtain this funding.

**CANDIDATE MUST SIGN SURVEY TO BE INCLUDED IN THE DATABASE**

Candidate Name Francine P. Busby State and District 2A 50 Party D.

Signature Francine P. Busby Date 2-06-04

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