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EDUCATION. In an age dominated by complex science and technology, how can we ensure

that students receive adequate STEM educations?

I believe that the federal government has a responsibility to help build an educated workforce so that

we can remain competitive in the global economy. Providing strong federal funding for STEM

programs will ensure our children receive a quality education and will prepare them to lead successful

lives and boost the nation's economy. These investments will also provide Americans with the skills

they need to succeed and ensure that every business can compete in the 21st century.

FOOD & WATER. How would you manage Kentucky’s agriculture so it provides healthy and

affordable food grown in an ethical and sustainable way? What should government do to

ensure access to clean water?

We have a responsibility to ensure access to clean drinking water, promote public safety and health,

and protect our environment. I believe we need to halt the devastating and irreversible damage of

mountaintop removal. That is why I have called on the Trump Administration to end their irresponsible

practices that are threatening the Appalachian region and the health and security of its residents. I am

also a lead sponsor of the Appalachian Communities Health Emergency Act, which would place a

moratorium on all new mountaintop removal mining permits while federal officials examine health

consequences of this harmful practice.

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT: With nonrenewable resources on the decline in Kentucky, how do

we create a sustainable Kentucky? What are your stances on: hydraulic fracturing, nuclear,

and renewable energy sources? What are your views on climate change, and how would they

affect your energy policies (if at all)?

I believe we have an obligation to protect our environment for current and future generations. The

latest science indicates that climate change will have an increasing impact on our society and will

contribute to droughts, floods, more extreme weather, and the erosion of our coastlines. Efforts to

reduce emissions can include switching to plants powered by natural gas, integrating renewable

energy sources, and encouraging the use of efficient home appliances and insulation. Unfortunately,

since Republicans became the majority party in the House in 2011, their leadership has consistently

worked to strip the EPA's authority to regulate carbon emissions and the agency's ability to enforce

the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act. Now, the Trump Administration is threatening the entire

mission and work of the EPA by promising to gut funding for the agency by unprecedented levels. I

strongly oppose these efforts that will jeopardize everything from new science and technology

innovation to the quality of the air we breathe and the water we drink.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY: How do you balance economic stability with

environmental health and conservation?

While in Congress, I have committed my time to ensuring a healthy and diverse economy across the

state. I will continue to pursue policies that will grow our economy, specifically by investing in

education, job training, infrastructure, and health care. For instance, federal investments in Ford and

GE have been key catalysts in Louisville’s economic growth over the past few years. Additionally,

communities whose economies are dependent on coal have experienced difficulties as cheaper and

more abundant sources of energy have emerged. We must invest in those communities to help

transition their economies. That’s why I have sponsored bipartisan legislation that would do just that.

H.R. 1731, the RECLAIM Act, would provide federal assistance to help revitalize and diversify the

coal country economy. I will continue to support these proposals and work with my colleagues to grow

Kentucky’s economy.

SCIENTIFIC INTEGRITY. How will you foster a culture that respects scientific evidence and

protects scientists? What role(s) specifically, if any, should government play in stimulating

innovative science and technology so we continue to benefit from them?

I am concerned by the Trump Administration's attempts to roll back regulations and ignore science. I

believe that scientists must have the freedom to pursue studies and research that will better our

environment and health. That is why I am a cosponsor of H.R. 1358, the Scientific Integrity Act, which

will keep scientific studies free from political suppression or interference by requiring federal agencies

to enact rules that promote the free flow of scientific information. I am also a strong a supporter of the

National Science Foundation and believe that the government must continue to provide strong

funding for the Foundation to foster innovative research.