

2014 New Hampshire Business PAC Issues Questionnaire

The New Hampshire Business PAC, the political action committee of the Business and Industry Association, exists to support business friendly candidates to the Governor's office and the New Hampshire Legislature. NH Business PAC financial support will be based on a number of factors including completion of the following issues questionnaire and recorded votes of interest to the business community for incumbent legislators. Your candid response to the following questions is greatly appreciated.

1. In crafting a balanced budget for the state, do you favor or oppose:

- | | Favor | Oppose |
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| • Increasing taxes on business (e.g. Business Profits Tax - BPT, Business Enterprise Tax – BET, or any other taxes paid by New Hampshire business)? | _____ | _____ |
| • Repealing or reducing the BET credit against the BPT? | _____ | _____ |
| • An income tax? | _____ | _____ |
| • A sales tax? | _____ | _____ |
| • Increasing the Meals & Rooms tax? | _____ | _____ |

Additional Comments: _____

2. New Hampshire has among the highest health insurance premiums in the country, a top concern for businesses across the state. One expert estimates that underfunding Medicaid contributes to cost shifting that represents up to 35% of health insurance premium costs.

- Would you favor or oppose efforts to increase state Medicaid reimbursements to healthcare providers to more closely reflect the actual cost of providing Medicaid services?
- Favor _____ Oppose _____

Additional Comments: _____

3. Do you favor or oppose any additional mandated healthcare benefits beyond what is already in state or federal law?

Favor _____ Oppose _____

Additional Comments: _____

4. Do you favor or oppose a constitutional amendment that would give the legislature the flexibility needed to target state education aid to those school districts most in need of aid?

Favor _____ Oppose _____

Additional Comments: _____

5. Will you favor or oppose efforts to improve New Hampshire's research and development tax credits for business?

Favor _____ Oppose _____

Additional Comments: _____

6. Will you favor or oppose efforts to make New Hampshire a private sector "Right to Work" state?

Favor _____ Oppose _____

Additional Comments: _____

7. Would you favor or oppose efforts to roll back or repeal New Hampshire's workforce housing law?

Favor _____ Oppose _____

Additional Comments: _____

8. Do you favor or oppose local preemptions allowing municipalities to create more stringent environmental laws and regulations than that allowed by the state relating to:

- | | Favor | Oppose |
|--|-------|--------|
| • Land development | _____ | _____ |
| • Groundwater and surface water withdrawals for commercial purposes? | _____ | _____ |
| • Air quality standards? | _____ | _____ |

- Water quality standards? _____

Additional Comments: _____

9. Do you favor or oppose state laws or regulations (e.g. labor and environmental compliance) that exceed federal laws and regulations on business?

Favor _____ Oppose _____

Additional Comments: _____

10. Would you favor or oppose efforts to balance the state budget by shifting dollars from dedicated funds like the renewable energy fund to the general fund?

Favor _____ Oppose _____

Additional Comments: _____

11. Would you favor or oppose efforts to raise the minimum wage in New Hampshire from the current level of \$7.25 per hour?

Favor _____ Oppose _____

Additional Comments: _____

12. Would you favor or oppose efforts to delay or repeal the implementation of "Common Core" education standards in New Hampshire?

Favor _____ Oppose _____

Additional Comments: _____

13. Would you favor or oppose efforts to weaken or repeal the consumer protection rebate mechanism in New Hampshire's Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) law?

Favor _____ Oppose _____

Additional Comments: _____

14. Would you favor or oppose efforts to roll back or repeal the recent law expanding Medicaid in New Hampshire?

Favor _____ Oppose _____

Additional Comments: _____

15. Will you favor or oppose efforts to continue reforming public employee pension programs to rectify the system's large unfunded liability (e.g. raising the retirement age and increasing employee contributions for new state hires)?

Favor. _____ Oppose _____

Additional Comments: _____

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