

Candidate Questions

1) If you are elected (re-elected)...

Will you work to ensure that, at a minimum, the current estate tax levels remain intact at \$5 million exemption with a 35% percent tax rate? Will you also ensure that other state tax policies--such as special use valuation--are improved to lessen the estate tax burden on family forest owners?

2) If you are elected (re-elected)...

Since forest owners are farmers too, will you work to ensure that forest owners have access to USDA conservation programs in the Farm Bill and that reasonable funding levels are maintained for these programs?

3) If you are elected (re-elected)...

Current federal government policies discriminate against my wood products, making it much harder for me to generate income from my family forest. For example, Bamboo products, which are likely imported, are currently receiving a federal government purchase preference and "USDA Certified Biobased" label, while most American-grown and manufactured wood products are not eligible for this. Additionally, the federal government favors the LEED green building rating system--which discriminates against wood use in building construction. Will you work to ensure that all forest products are included in USDA's Biobased Markets Program and federal government green building policies so my wood products are not disadvantaged?