

## Idaho State Representative District 1b

	<b>Chuck Lowman</b>	<b>Cornel Razor</b>
<p><b>1.</b> What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?</p>	<p>I'm Chuck Lowman, seeking to represent our district in the Idaho House of Representatives, Seat 1B. Service has defined my life. From earning my Eagle Scout rank to missionary work in eight countries, I've built a career around duty to God and Country. After 9/11, I volunteered as an Army Chaplain, spending nearly four years deployed in combat zones supporting struggling soldiers through the issues of life, and honoring the fallen. After 12 years of service, my wife and I returned to Idaho to raise our family.</p> <p>That commitment continues today as a small business owner, Bonner County Historical Society board member, SHS PTO volunteer, and Sandpoint High School Track and Field coach. Effective leadership begins by being present and empowering people to do great things in their community.</p> <p>I'm a conservative who values Faith, Family, and responsible government, and our district needs a leader present, engaged, and committed to putting local needs first.</p>	<p>No Response Received</p>
<p><b>2.</b> When do you believe life begins and how does this belief affect the legislation you will support?</p>	<p>I believe that life begins at conception, as the Scriptures reveal and science confirms. As such, all life should be treated with the gravity of that knowledge, to include areas of stem-cell research, in-vitro experimentation, and termination of zygotes. I support Idaho law which defends the provider's rights in denying certain procedures which violate their conscience.</p>	<p>No Response Received</p>
<p><b>3.</b> What are the top three issues that you feel the legislature needs to address?</p>	<p>Our legislature over-legislates. We should push authority to the lowest level possible — supporting the Idaho Constitution, the 10th Amendment, and the GOP platform: "government closest to the people" is most effective.</p> <p>Legislature must fund constitutionally mandated programs, while those without a constitutional basis should be cut and rescinded — just as a family must eliminate unnecessary expenses before meeting obligations.</p> <p>This is directly grounded in the Idaho Republican Party Platform, which states government must practice fiscal responsibility, funding only constitutionally specified functions, and that programs outside constitutional obligations or no longer effective "should be terminated."</p> <p>The legislature needs to defend federalism by providing local governments the tools they need to govern locally, like having access to local option sales taxes which can be used to offset property taxes - which are ratified by the voter as are property tax levies.</p>	<p>No Response Received</p>
<p><b>4.</b> What do you consider the biggest health care issue for Idaho, and where do you stand on it?</p>	<p>Idaho faces a genuine healthcare crisis. Physicians are leaving or avoiding the state entirely due to fear of criminal liability. we cannot expect doctors to practice medicine under threat of incarceration. The result is a shrinking workforce increasingly unable to serve our growing needs.</p> <p>Idaho must partner with medical schools to train and place doctors in rural communities — growing our own healthcare workforce where it's needed most.</p> <p>Meanwhile, patients and providers alike are suffocating under layers of insurance bureaucracy which creates administrative overhead that drive up costs while slowing care.</p> <p>The solution must address all three: restore legal protections that allow physicians to practice medicine without risk to licensure, rework programs to train providers to serve rural Idaho, and work towards meaningful insurance reform that cuts bureaucratic layers and puts patients first. Government should reduce barriers, not create them.</p>	<p>No Response Received</p>

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<b>5.</b> Do you support or oppose legislation to prohibit gender reassignment treatment/surgery on minors?	100% support legislation which prohibits gender reassignment therapies/treatment/surgery.	No Response Received
<b>6.</b> If elected, how will you ensure that you are aligned with your North Idaho constituents' values and how will your voting record reflect those values?	#1 - Stay connected. We need to do this through creative forums to discuss legislation and policy throughout the year - not just during our 3-month legislative sessions. Hosting iterative legislative workshops for the community to discuss problems and seek out solutions which empower leaders to the lowest level practicable. Sometimes these solutions are best left to the constituent - as legislative solutions ultimately remove a person's agency to promote change in their community.  #2 - Empower local government to do it's job by staying connected to local officials and seeing the problem from their perspective.	No Response Received
<b>7.</b> Do you support or oppose Digital IDs in the State of Idaho? Why or why not?	Oppose. This form of identification will only serve to violate personhood and give tools which would lend to the manipulation and abuse of the public. Though it may be intended for good ideas (which I would disagree with, like digital vaccine passports), its application could easily be used for evil purposes.	No Response Received
<b>8.</b> What is your opinion on the use of Central Bank Digital Currency? Would you support this for Idaho?	I would not support this form of fiat currency. Paper currencies not backed by tangible commodities already have too many issues of increased inflation, market devaluation through the printing of money, again, not backed by actual labor. Digital currencies would only make innumerable worse, and like the digital ID, would serve to manipulate and harm persons.	No Response Received
<b>9.</b> What is your definition of marriage?	One-man, one-woman.	No Response Received
<b>10.</b> The cost of electricity is increasing across the state of Idaho. What legislation would you recommend to help increase electrical generation and independence in Idaho while still allowing power companies to remain profitable?	We need to look hard at safe nuclear generation. I would also encourage homeowners to look at personal solar generation - on their homes' rooftop - not eating up agricultural fields with solar farms and wind-turbines.	No Response Received

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<b>11.</b> What legislation would you recommend to prevent property tax increases that are causing a financial burden and forcing some owners out of their homes?	<p>Idaho's Circuit Breaker Program reduces property taxes for seniors 65+, widows/widowers, and disabled individuals earning \$39,130 or less — up to \$1,500 off their primary residence. Eligible residents must apply with their county assessor between January 1 and April 15, 2026.</p> <p>We should expand awareness so every qualifying Idahoan accesses this relief.</p> <p>Long-term, I support giving local communities the option to adopt local sales tax options in lieu of levies, as proposed by the Idaho Sheriff's Association, with revenue directly offsetting property taxes. This distributes the burden more broadly — visitors and consumers share the load, relieving pressure on homeowners and fixed-income seniors.</p> <p>Property tax relief must be structural, not temporary. Expanding Circuit Breaker protections while empowering local governments with flexible revenue tools lets communities tailor solutions to their needs — consistent with our principle that government closest to the people is most effective.</p>	No Response Received
<b>12.</b> In your opinion, if elected, who do you see yourself accountable to and why?	I am accountable to our constituents - our community who needs our representation. I am accountable to the Constitution of Idaho and the Constitution of the United States in defending our rights to life, liberty, property, and the pursuit of happiness. I am accountable to my Conscience before God in doing what i see the scriptures call us to in Micah 6:8, "to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God." I am accountable to the concept of federalism, which dictates governing powers are distributed throughout the system and are not concentrated at the state or federal level.	No Response Received
<b>13.</b> In recent years some groups have advocated for legalizing marijuana in our state, do you support or oppose the legalization of marijuana? Why or why not?	<p>I oppose the legalization of marijuana. I have seen too many young persons destroy their lives by using marijuana at a young age. It destroyed their ability to cope emotionally with routine issues of life, it ruined their ability to rightly relate to the people in their lives, and ultimately created years of conflict. In some cases, it ended in suicide.</p> <p>I have worked in construction trades where I have seen individuals using marijuana on job sites. Their quality of workmanship and attention to detail faltered when using. I would advise against purchasing a home in states where marijuana is legalized.</p> <p>Overall, using psychotropic drugs for recreational purposes is bad for our state and bad for our nation.</p>	No Response Received
<b>14.</b> Is there anything in your personal, business, or career life that would be a conflict of interest in your ability to serve the people of Idaho?	No.	No Response Received
<b>15.</b> What is your background and why do you feel it qualifies you for this position?	<p>I have a wealth of experience locally, nationally and internationally which sets me apart from my opponent. I have lived in 5 different countries, worked in 8 countries, and visited a total of 14 countries all around the world, I have worked in organizations to discover problems, find practical and achievable solutions, set and oversaw multi-million dollar budgets, and have specific training to objectively see and understand people and their concerns.</p> <p>My life is marked by community service, which continues today. I am here to serve with a servant's heart.</p>	No Response Received