

Idaho State Senator District 2

	Phil Hart	Valerie Wade
1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	Name: Phil Hart, Office Sought: State Senator Legislative District 2. Why am I running for office? I am a conservative who is deeply committed to our constitutional form of government. I believe we need more people serving in Boise who have that passion.	No Response Received
2. When do you believe life begins and how does this belief affect the legislation you will support?	I believe that life begins at the point when God first conceived of us as noted in the Old Testament passage of Jeremiah 1:5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you..." I have already served 8 years in the Idaho House of Representatives and 4 years in the Idaho Senate. My voting record over that time period is pro-life.	No Response Received
3. What are the top three issues that you feel the legislature needs to address?	<p>I believe the top three issues needing to be addressed by the legislature includes maintaining our current budgeting process of splitting each budget into a maintenance budget and an enhancement budget. This new budgeting process has allowed us to focus more on increases in spending and has resulted in tighter control of spending across all state agencies.</p> <p>Next I think we need to overhaul our tax system so that Idaho citizens are not forced out of their homes because of high property taxes, and we need to reduce our reliance on income taxes which are intrusive in terms of their evasiveness and subjectiveness causing a lot of uncertainty for tax payers.</p> <p>Thirdly, we are experiencing a lot of price inflation and affordability issues because of uncontrolled money printing. This is a federal issue; it affects all Americans. The current effort to shore up the sale of Treasury bonds with schemes of using the average American's savings to back these bonds by way of the proposed Stable Coin will likely squeeze more purchasing power out of more Americans by devaluing the money in their pocket and forcing Americans to take on the counter-party risk of backing unwanted and unattractive government bonds that will likely fall in value. We need to resist all efforts to participate in any Stable Coin program or other digital money schemes.</p>	No Response Received
4. What do you consider the biggest health care issue for Idaho, and where do you stand on it?	I think we need more competition in health care and more medical freedom.	No Response Received
5. Do you support or oppose legislation to prohibit gender reassignment treatment/surgery on minors?	I support a ban on the use of any taxpayer monies to be used for gender reassignment treatments or surgeries for anyone and an outright ban on gender reassignment treatment or surgeries for minors.	No Response Received

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6. 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?	I have an 8 year history as a member of the Idaho House of Representatives and a 4 year history as a member of the Idaho Senate. That voting record is aligned with North Idaho values.	No Response Received
7. Do you support or oppose Digital IDs in the State of Idaho? Why or why not?	I believe Digital ID's are less secure than the alternative and subject to abuse. I don't support their use.	No Response Received
8. What is your opinion on the use of Central Bank Digital Currency? Would you support this for Idaho?	I don't support the current debt-based money system which requires more debt-based money to be created year after year to support interest payments on all of the previously created debt-based money. Such a system makes balancing the federal budget mathematically impossible. A Central Bank Digital Currency will increase the already systemic disadvantages of a debt-based money system and create even more havoc. I am strongly opposed to such a form of money.	No Response Received
9. What is your definition of marriage?	Marriage is a legal, societal and spiritual union of a man and a woman.	No Response Received
10. 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?	The Earth's crust is thin in parts of southeast Idaho, and I think we need encourage the exploration of that area for possible new geothermal power sources.	No Response Received
11. What legislation would you recommend to prevent property tax increases that are causing a financial burden and forcing some owners out of their homes?	The main culprit is the out of control money supply creation that has caused asset prices to increase. This is a federal issue. A constitutional money system, as conceived by the framers of the Constitution, would allow for stable prices and affordable home ownership. We need to return to the money system that our Constitution requires us to use.	No Response Received

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12. In your opinion, if elected, who do you see yourself accountable to and why?	The oath we take is to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the state of Idaho.	No Response Received
13. 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?	I do not support the legalization of marijuana. We just need to look to our neighbors to the west to understand why not.	No Response Received
14. 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?	Idaho legislators get a salary of \$25,000 a year and no legislator has any designated assistant out in the legislative districts. By necessity, most or all legislators in Idaho hold another job. I think it is fair to say that all 105 Idaho legislators are pulled away from their legislative duties by the necessity of making a living	No Response Received
15. What is your background and why do you feel it qualifies you for this position?	I got started in politics going door to door for Berry Goldwater as a third grader when he ran for president in 1964. I have enjoyed my involvement in politics ever since. I have a Civil Engineering degree from the University of Utah and an MBA from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania where I majored in finance. I think we need more engineers and more finance people in the Idaho Legislature.	No Response Received