ANSWERS TO CAMPAIGN QUESTIONS POSED

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1. Why are you running for reelection to the South Carolina House of Representatives?

I am running for reelection because I love Greenwood and believe there is still important work to be done for our community and South Carolina.

My commitment to public service began long before I was elected to the House. For decades, I have been involved in organizations serving families, children, the unfortunate and those facing difficulties with government. As a small business owner and taxpayer, I know what it is like to deal with government regulation and make a payroll.

Since being elected in 2016, I have worked non-stop to protect our constitutional freedoms, strengthen families, defend the unborn, support law enforcement, promote economic opportunity and help hundreds of my constituents with governmental issues.

I have also worked to address problems directly affecting our community. One example is the Conestee Dam, where I worked with my legislative delegation and others to secure $47 million in state funding to protect Lake Greenwood from a potentially catastrophic environmental threat.

There is much left to do in Columbia, and here are some of the things I will be fighting for:

- **Lower Taxes**
  - by reducing and ultimately, eliminating property taxes, replacing them with a fairer consumption-based tax system.
  - Cut waste, fraud, and abuse, and make government more accountable by passing DOGE like legislation.
- **Protect Life** by continuing to advance a strong pro-life agenda.
- **Encourage the Family** by strengthening the South Carolina Legislative Family Caucus and traditional values.
- **Protect Children and Parental rights**
- **Defend our Christian heritage and religious liberty**.
- **Support Veterans** by not taxing their benefits and making our state a destination for retired veterans.
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- **Reduce Insurance** burdens by passing meaningful reform.

I also intend to continue to fight for a long list of good bills that have not yet passed. These include:

- **Closing The Primaries,**
- **Significant Property Tax Relief for Seniors**
- **Eliminate SC Marriage Tax Penalty**
- **Human Life Protection Act**
- **Dismantle DEI**
- **Stop China from buying SC Land**
- **Cutting Regulations by 25%**
- **No Ranked Choice Voting**
- **Parental Rights in Educ. and Medical**

- **Parental Right to Affirm Biol. Sex of Child**
- **No Changing Sex on Birth Certificate**
- **No Public Funds for Drag Shows**
- **SC DOGE**
- **2nd Amendment Stand Your Ground in Churches**
- **Maternity Care Insurance Coverage for Dependents**

2. What experience or qualifications would you bring to the position?

I bring nearly ten years of legislative experience, more than 40 years of legal experience, business leadership, teaching experience and decades of community involvement.

I am a graduate of Clemson University and the University of South Carolina School of Law. Early in my career, I served as a staff attorney for the South Carolina Supreme Court. I subsequently served as Greenwood's city attorney for nine years and have taught law-related courses at Lander University.

Today, I am the managing partner of a law firm employing approximately 60 people. That experience has given me firsthand knowledge of the challenges facing employers, employees, and small businesses.

In the legislature, I have served on the Judiciary Committee and the Legislative Oversight Committee, where I chair the Healthcare and Regulatory Subcommittee. I also founded the South Carolina Legislative Family Caucus and have helped advance significant legislation protecting families, children, and constitutional freedoms.

My community involvement includes serving as a founding board member of Greater Greenwood United Ministry, which provides assistance and medical care to people in need. I also serve on the board of Faith Home, a Christian residential recovery program that helps men and women overcome drug and alcohol addiction and rebuild their lives. Additionally, I have served on the Greenwood Christian School Board, and the advisory board of CrossRoads Women's Center.

Nationally, I am the SC State Chair and currently serving as Chair of the National Association of Christian Lawmakers, an organization composed of like-minded legislators and supporters from all 50 states that adopts model policy from a Christian world view perspective.

These experiences have given me a broad understanding of our community's needs and reinforced my belief that public service is about helping people and solving problems.

3. What are your top three legislative priorities if elected, and what specific actions would you take to accomplish them?

First, protecting families, children, and constitutional freedoms. I will continue advancing legislation protecting innocent human life, parental rights, religious liberty, and the safety of children. I have helped pass important legislation in these areas and intend to build upon that work.

Second, reducing the financial burden on families and businesses. I will continue supporting income tax reductions, property tax relief for seniors, responsible government spending, and policies that encourage job creation. As a business owner, I understand that government should make it easier, not harder, for businesses to succeed.

Third, protecting our communities and holding government accountable. I will continue using legislative oversight to improve state government services and protect taxpayers. I also intend to pursue my proposed Data Center Community Protection Act, establishing safeguards for water supplies, electricity costs, neighboring property owners, and local communities.

4. What do you believe are the most pressing challenges facing residents in your district, and how would you address them?

The rising cost of living is a major concern. Families and seniors are struggling with higher costs for groceries, housing, insurance, and utilities. I will continue supporting income and property tax relief, including a suspension of the South Carolina gas tax. I will also continue supporting insurance reform and measures to prevent unreasonable increases in utility rates.

Another important challenge is the deterioration of the family, which I believe is at the root of many of the problems facing our society. Strong families are the foundation of strong communities. When families break down, we often see increased poverty, crime, substance abuse, and other social problems. I will continue working to strengthen families by protecting parental rights, supporting policies that encourage stable marriages and responsible parenting, and defending the rights of parents to raise their children according to their values. I will also fight to pass measures to help stop the assault on our youth from the enemy in its various forms including but not limited to abortion, neglect, abuse, pornography, poor education, drugs and alcohol, gangs and violence.

Protecting our infrastructure, natural resources, and property values is also a priority. I will also continue supporting economic development, workforce training, public safety, and improved services for seniors and people with disabilities.

5. What is your position on data center development, and what role should state and local governments play in regulating these facilities, particularly regarding water, electricity and land use?

I want to make sure that we put South Carolinians first, that we look out for our own people and not just have people harmed by the mad rush to create data centers.

I support responsible economic development, but I do not believe communities should sacrifice their natural resources, property values, or quality of life to accommodate large industrial projects.

I am developing the Data Center Community Protection Act to establish meaningful safeguards. My proposal would regulate data centers with a combined designed peak electrical demand of at least one megawatt, including provisions preventing developers from dividing projects to evade regulation.

It would establish a minimum 5,000-foot setback from protected properties, require closed-loop water systems, establish noise restrictions, and protect existing utility customers from increased electricity costs attributable to these facilities. Both state environmental regulators and local governments would have approval responsibilities, with local governments retaining the authority to impose stricter standards.

It is far better to prevent environmental and infrastructure problems than to spend millions of taxpayer dollars correcting them after the damage has occurred. We should welcome investment, but the interests of our citizens must come first.

6. As artificial intelligence becomes more widely used, what opportunities and concerns do you see for South Carolina? Do you believe additional state legislation or oversight of AI is necessary? Why or why not?

Artificial intelligence presents tremendous opportunities to improve productivity, education, healthcare, business operations, and government efficiency.

However, AI also presents legitimate concerns involving privacy, fraud, cybersecurity, employment, and the misuse of personal information. I believe South Carolina should pursue targeted protections against harmful uses of AI, particularly those involving children, identity theft, fraud, and government decisions affecting citizens' rights.

We should also examine how AI can make state government more efficient and accountable. At the same time, we must avoid excessive regulation that stifles innovation or places unnecessary burdens on small businesses. Our goal should be to encourage technological progress while protecting the rights and interests of South Carolinians.

7. If elected, what would you hope to accomplish for your district during your first two years in office?

I want to build upon the progress we have already made while addressing the challenges ahead.

We need to keep fully funding public education, higher education and expand school choice. We need to continue to support our teachers, first responders and veterans who choose to sacrifice and serve us all.

Generally, I would like to see us make progress in the following areas:

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Specifically, I would also like to see the following bills passed this session, among others that I intend to sponsor:

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- **Insurance Reform**
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8. What is one thing you would like voters to know about you or your campaign that has not been addressed in these questions?

I am not ashamed to say I want to continue to stand for Christian conservative principles and legislation. My Christian faith has always been the foundation of my commitment to service. I believe we are called to help others, particularly those facing difficult circumstances. Whether serving in the legislature, working with charitable organizations, or helping an individual constituent, I have tried to follow that principle throughout my life.

Most importantly, I would be remiss if I did not give two persons all the credit and glory for anything I have accomplished or will accomplish. Those persons are the Lord Jesus Christ and my best friend and wife, Dana Shaw McCravy. The former saved me by grace from the just penalty for my sins with the promise of eternal life with Him. The latter encourages and helps me every day despite seeing all my faults and failings.

I consider it a privilege to represent the great people of District 13, and the State of South Carolina and I would be honored to continue serving them again in the upcoming session.