1. I am in this race simply because I believe I can do a better job than our present representative. I believe I can do it without letting personal political beliefs interfere with my responsibilities to constituents as the representative of district 13.

2. Having practiced law for more than 50 years, I believe I am well versed in looking at both sides of an issue. A lawyer who cannot see both sides is not going to be successful. Being able to see both sides can help one understand the position of the other side. This can helps both sides reach an acceptable compromise.

3. (a) Stop the use of voice and likeness of an opponent in any political ad. (b) To amend H 4216 so that as additional revenues are raised, the $30,000 cap on the tax rate of 1.99% is raised to higher incomes. Under the present version of the bill, as additional revenues come into the state coffers, the 5.21% rate on incomes above $30,000 is to be reduced. We should reduce taxes from the bottom up and not the top down. (c) Introduce a law that mandates that a physician or other mandatory reporter does not have to report a pregnant woman for child abuse if the woman reports to the provider she is using legal or illegal drugs. This will encourage pregnant, addicted women to seek help rather than avoid medical professionals

4. The major problem facing the residents is, unfortunately, beyond the control of the state legislature - high energy costs. While the state legislature could reduce the state tax on gasoline, this would be done at the cost of maintaining our roads. This is not a good tradeoff. The lower income residents of district 13 need to have expanded medicaid. This would enable more people, especially pregnant women, to receive the preventive medicine they need. Preventive medicine is less expensive than treating the major problems later.

5. Data centers should be treated the same as any major industry coming into Greenwood County. If the industry uses too much electricity, they cannot come. If the industry uses too much water, they cannot come. If the industry causes too much pollution, including noise, air and water, they cannot come. While the state can pass laws on the state level, the best decision as to what industry should be allowed is left to the zoning laws of the local counties.

6. AN AI is more concerning than I had originally thought. Last year, in England and Florida, two school shootings occurred. The investigators learned that both shooters sought advice on AI as to how to conduct the shootings. If a human had given the same advice to the two shooters, the human would have been arrested for accessory before the fact to murder. I personally use AI so I know the benefits. While the federal government may be in a better position to regulate AI, the state still has a role. Simply prohibiting the use of voice and likeness of a political opponent in an ad is a start. The state can also give individuals proprietary interest in their voice and likeness which would prohibit the use of their voice and likeness in any productions without the permission of the individual.

(a) Yes state legislation is needed in regulating AI for the reasons I have stated.

7. If elected, in addition to the legislative proposals previously stated, I would hope that I can improve education and opportunities for education, improve law enforcement training, and start a path to improving accessibility to health care. Public schools are the great equalizer in our state.

8. I believe I am an objective person when it comes to government policy. A bill needs to be constitutional, good for all the people of South Carolina, and affordable before it can be passed. I spent a career fighting overreaching government in state and federal courts. I would like to take that fight to the legislature