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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CANDIDATES

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Biographical Information

Total words for A, B, and C TOGETHER may not exceed **50 words**. THE WORD LIMIT MUST BE OBSERVED. Please do not abbreviate. Words over the limit will be cut off in the published information. "A," "an," "the," and dates are counted as words. Hyphenated words and academic degree abbreviations are counted as single words.

A. EDUCATION: Graduated from Miami Valley CTC as salutatorian in Industrial Electronics program - 1986. Graduated from University of Dayton with High Honors majoring in Electronic Engineering Technology and a minor in Mechanical Engineering Technology - 1990.

B. OCCUPATION: Began work as a Field Service Engineer for General Electric in 1990 where still employed.

C. TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE:

Question for Voter Guides

The answer to each question may not exceed **150 words**. THE WORD LIMIT MUST BE OBSERVED. Words over the limit will be cut off in published information.

1) What experiences would you bring to the U.S. Senate that would make you an effective representative for Ohioans?

As a field service engineer I've worked in all geographic areas of Ohio and in most major manufacturing facilities across the state. I understand the problems experienced by these companies and the citizens of my state, as well as the common sense solutions to resolve them within the boundaries of the Constitution. With an outside the Washington beltway approach, I will bring new ideas to the nation for facing our deficiencies and making America a strong innovation and manufacturing country once again. I hold a common sense broad view of the world and the issues around us with an emphasis on how these items interrelate. My training as a problem solver allows me to quickly and accurately identify the root cause of an issue, which is the key to implementing the best solutions. My personal life experiences have prepared me to identify with my fellow Ohioans in a meaningful way.

2) Should the U.S. go further into debt if it would hasten economic recovery? Please explain.

No. We have already deferred too much debt and too many entitlement burdens to our children and grandchildren to deal with in the future. The present working generations must deal with our current economic problems and pull us up by our bootstraps without further burdening the nation down the road. By continuing to pile on ever more egregious amounts of national debt, we are only increasing the likelihood of our nation defaulting on its debt obligations in the future. There also is no proof that deficit spending by the government will spur the growth necessary to hasten our economic recovery. Since everyday citizens use their money more wisely for their own best interests than the federal government ever can, doesn't it make sense to let the consumers spur the economy through tax cuts? You can't spend your way out of your debts and any good economist knows this basic concept.

3) What, if anything, should the U.S. do to become more energy independent?

Our nation needs a truly comprehensive energy policy that allows us to use all the resources available, aid in the development of new technologies and allow the exploration and recovery of more reserves. This policy should also address energy conservation, efficiency and using a common sense approach to deploying our technology and resources. A multi-pronged approach would be best suited to our country since we have such a diverse class of energy resources. We've never seen an all-encompassing energy policy in our country. When saying energy policy, I don't always mean our government passing laws and controlling things. To a large degree I mean that the government needs to get out of the way and make all natural resources available for development. I'd rather leave this stuff to the private sector with capitalism and competition driving the market over the current mish-mash of laws, regulations and taxes we have now.

Email your answers to lwvoinfo@lwvohio.org by **March 15, 2010** We must also have a signed version for our records. Print out your answers, sign the form and return a hard copy by March 15, 2010 to LWVOEF, 17 S. High St., Ste. 650, Columbus, OH 43215.

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Candidate's Signature Eric Deaton Date 3/4/2010