

# Derek Skees

Friday Afternoon

Dear Friend:

I still remember the values my parents raised me with -- faith, family, friends, individual responsibility and hard work.

I'm sure it was the same for you.

But nowadays it seems things have "changed."

Today, it seems all politicians want are more dependent citizens -- folks who will gladly hand over their money, privacy and freedom at the chance of having some bureaucrat manage their lives from cradle to grave.

And it's not just in Washington, D.C. either. As much as you and I might hate to admit it, there are plenty of folks in Helena who think the exact same way.

So unless folks like you and me who value limited government, low taxes and individual liberty start fighting back, I'm afraid we won't like what the future holds.

My name is Derek Skees, and I'm running for State Senate in District 4 in the upcoming November 2 election.

As you'll see, there's a survey I've included with this letter. Won't you please fill it out and rush it back to me today?

I know you care just as much as I do about the future of our state, so I want to know what you believe are the critical issues facing Montana.

First and foremost, I believe we need to get our economy back on track and get us back to work.

That means getting state government spending under control -- and that will take some work.

The fact is, spending has increased nearly 40% since the

current administration took office.

Our state government workforce alone has increased by 12%.

Today, government is the largest sector of our state's economy.

That's bad news.

In fact, in just three years, our state government is projected to run a \$473 million deficit!

As much as some politicians try to skirt the issue, that means the State Legislature will either have to cut spending -- or raise taxes -- to balance the budget.

And if you and I don't start fighting back, we're not going to like the State Legislature's "solution."

That's why, if elected, I will:

- \*\*\* Work to eliminate the Business Equipment Tax. Our state need to look at how we deal with new businesses, and streamline the permitting process to allow for quick and easy start ups. We need to encourage the utilization of our natural resources while maintaining the beauty of our surroundings;
- \*\*\* Work to restore fiscal responsibility. Too many politicians have fallen in love with government spending. I believe our government already spends too much and it's time to restore discipline to the budget process;
- \*\*\* Return control of local schools to teachers and parents. If we want to ensure our kids get great educations, we need to make sure special interests -- who care more about social engineering than academics -- aren't calling the shots;
- \*\*\* Pass a state Right to Work law which would simply state that no Montana worker could be forced to join or pay dues to a union just to get or keep a job;
- \*\*\* Stand up for our Tenth Amendment rights under the U.S. Constitution and resist efforts to increase federal control over Montana and Montana citizens;

\*\*\* Defend traditional Montana values. Our Second Amendment rights, the sanctity of life and traditional marriage are all values I will fight for in Helena.

If you agree with me, please fill out the enclosed survey and rush it back to my campaign TODAY.

My campaign platform isn't complicated.

I'm not running to create some new and expensive government program that will "fix" your life.

I believe you should be in charge of your life and the money you earn.

So I am running to get government off your back.

You see, I understand that while all politicians have to do is pass a bill here and there to raise their pay or raise our taxes -- most Montanans have to work hard to make a living.

And new tax-and-spend programs don't make life easier for those of us already footing the state government's bills.

Of course, that's not exactly "music to the ears" of some of the special interests in Helena.

They want to keep spending sky-high. And they want to elect and re-elect politicians who will keep the treasury doors open.

In the upcoming November elections, they know I'm not "their guy."

I'm not running to represent them.

I'm running to represent you.

So I hope I can count on your generous financial support, as well.

I know times are tough, but it's time for good folks like you and me to take a stand.

I never thought I would run for office before, but my wife Ronalee and I decided it was time to take action -- instead of



waiting on others to act.

So in addition to filling out and returning your survey, I hope you'll also consider making a generous contribution of \$160, (\$320 per couple), \$100, \$75, \$50 or \$25 to help me with my campaign.

I know times are tough for everyone right now, but any amount you can contribute will make a difference.

But it's most important to me that you fill out the survey and let me know which issues you care most about.

I want you to know that I hope to be able to earn your support in the November 2 elections.

With your support, I believe folks like you and me really can make an impact for good this election year.

Thank you, in advance, for your support.

Sincerely,



Derek Skees  
Republican Candidate  
House District 4

P.S. Won't you please take a moment and fill out the enclosed survey and tell me what issues are most important to you?

With the current state of our economy, it's important that good folks fight back against the tax-and-spenders and restore fiscal sanity in Helena.

If you agree, I hope you'll consider making a contribution to my campaign. Any amount you can afford -- \$160, (\$320 per couple), \$100, \$75, \$50 or \$25 TODAY!

## November 2 General Election

### House District 4 Issue Questionnaire

Dear Friend:

Won't you take a moment and fill out the below questionnaire -- along with the Reply Memorandum on the back -- and rush it to me immediately? Thank you so much.

-- Derek Skees

1. Do you believe the State Legislature should declare "ObamaCare" unconstitutional under the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment?  
☐ Yes      ☐ No      ☐ Undecided
2. Which of the following issues will most influence your vote in the upcoming General Election?  
☐ Taxes/Spending      ☐ Healthcare      ☐ 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Rights  
☐ Abortion/Moral Issues      ☐ Support for a Right to Work law      ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Historically, state Right to Work laws lead to higher job growth and more disposable income. Do you support enactment of a state Right to Work law?  
☐ Yes      ☐ No      ☐ Undecided
4. Do you feel that property taxes are?  
☐ Too high?      ☐ Just about right?      ☐ Too low?      ☐ No opinion?
5. Do you support giving taxpayer-funded benefits to illegal aliens?  
☐ Yes      ☐ No      ☐ Undecided
6. Regarding gun control, do you typically consider yourself. . .  
☐ For more gun control      ☐ For less gun control      ☐ Undecided
7. On the issue of abortion, are you generally. . .  
☐ Pro-Life      ☐ Pro-Choice      ☐ Undecided
8. How do you think the State Legislature should deal with the impending budget crisis which is projected to approach half-a-billion dollars by 2013?  
☐ Raise taxes to cover the shortfall.  
☐ Cut wasteful government programs.  
☐ Ask the federal government for another so-called "bailout".

See reverse side for important reply memorandum



## November 2 General Election

### Reply Memorandum

Dear Derek,

There's no doubt about it -- you and I are facing a crucial election.

That's why I've taken the time to fill out and return my Issue Questionnaire, and why I would also like to:

☐ Volunteer my time on your campaign, so please have your campaign team call me at:

\_\_\_\_\_.

☐ Place a "Vote for Derek Skees" sign in my front yard.

☐ Help you make a difference this November with an enclosed contribution of:

☐ \$25    ☐ \$50    ☐ \$75    ☐ \$100    ☐ \$160 (Ind. Max.)    ☐ \$320 (Couples max.)

Please make checks payable to "Derek Skees for HD4"

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Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

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