

Buffalo Bulletin Responses from United States Senate Candidate Bryan Miller

U.S. Senate

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Party: Republican

Employment/work history: Ranch Hand through high school; Air Force Academy graduate, retired officer, Air Refueling and Special Air Mission Pilot, Air Force One Presidential Advance Agent, Civil & Military Contingency Planner, and more over 27 years, earned a Bachelor's in Biology, completed two Masters degrees (Aeronautical Science and Military Operational Arts and History); Small Business Owner, CEO for BEM Int'l, LLC an energy and infrastructure consulting and facilitation company since 2011; Engaged in all levels of Wyoming government: municipal, county, and state including elected positions in the Wyoming and Sheridan County Republican Party: Precinct Committeeman, County Party Secretary, State Committeeman, and Chairman.

Biography:

I am a lifelong Republican, God-fearing family man, retired Air Force Officer and Wyoming businessman. I graduated from Sheridan High School in 1984 and the US Air Force Academy in 1988. I am a combat hardened pilot with a Bachelor's in Biology, completed two (2) Masters degrees (Aeronautical Science and Military Operational Arts and History), and been a resident of Wyoming since age six after my Father completed time as an enlisted man in the Air Force. I am a staunch conservative, well-versed in our Constitutions (WY&US). I have led major committees bringing accountability and transparency in our municipal, county, and state governments to the forefront in the Wyoming State Republican Party. I started a nationally recognized consulting business in 2011 after my 23-year military career when Susan and I returned to Sheridan. We'll have been married for 30 years this December. For more about my campaign go to www.bryanmiller4senate.com.

Why are you running for office?

There are too many reasons to note here, but suffice it to say, I've grown weary of the same old song and dance from our leadership as to why power continues to be consolidated at the federal level combined with the why we can't get anything done to stop it. I decided to personally enter the fight to stop the consolidation of power at the federal level and ensure someone in Washington, DC is fighting for our Liberty. A return to the fundamentals of government as set out in the U.S. Constitution is the best way to ensure

individual rights are maintained. Leadership, more than anything, is needed in Washington and I am convinced the skills I've developed over my career in the military and as a successful Wyoming businessman have given me the background to provide Bold, Innovative Leadership for Wyoming in the swamp that is Washington, DC.

What challenges and opportunities do you foresee for Wyoming and the federal government in the coming years?

Jobs, economy, and rural healthcare top the list of challenges and opportunities. Wyoming's economy ebbs and flows, but repairing the damage inflicted on our ranchers going back to 2015 when Congresswoman Lummis voted to repeal Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) for beef and pork at the, "request of the NCBA" remains a priority for me. Repealing COOL cost our cattle ranchers \$50,000.00 per hundred at the marketplace as foreign raised cattle continue to be brought in by JBS USA Holdings, Inc., subsidiary of Brazilian JBS S.A. to increase profitability of their meat packing market in America. That cost has yet to be recovered. JBS is now going after our sheep ranchers announcing a facility acquisition that will impact our national food security concerns placing substantial control of U.S. lamb processing capacity in the hands of this foreign company supporting the import of foreign meat into the U.S.

If elected, what would be your priorities for Wyoming and the federal government?

Simply put the top five priorities today would be: Jobs, getting people back to work; Access to healthcare, eliminate regulations creating barriers to the free market (e.g. allow insurers to cross state lines, encourage healthcare Co-Ops), support insurance transportability, parent-student extensions, and temporary coverage assistance between jobs, and allow access expanding and cost reducing measures to be instituted (e.g. as other states do -- Wyoming should allow trained Optometrist's to perform laser surgery to increase competition); Reduce Dependence on foreign sources for critical food, health, and defense lines of production; Focus on Education vs indoctrination, we must halt the indoctrination of our children that is driving the socialist-Marxist agenda and refocus the Department of Education's scope, mission, and size (4,400 personnel should be 350); and finally, Immediately Reducing our state and national debt so that it will not have to be passed on to our children, grand-children, and great grand-children.

The 2017 tax cuts did not match spending cuts with cuts in tax rates and failed to pay for themselves causing the federal deficit to balloon, even before the pandemic. What are your budget priorities? How would you balance the budget?

Considering Congress irresponsibly added an additional 25% to our national debt in just two months, a whopping \$6 Trillion dollars, as a reaction to a regional pandemic situation, we have no choice but to cut the federal budget in almost every area. Not unlike what our

Wyoming legislators will have to do in 2021. Cuts will be made, programs reduced, and some will likely be eliminated or pushed back to the States. I will push to start with eliminating redundant programs across government agencies (I do that in my consulting business today) and by auditing programs to ensure they meet with constitutional consistency beginning with the EPA and Department of Education. See my answer to question #42 in the NEA Fund for Children and Public Education, *Political Action Committee of the National Education Association, 2020 Congressional Candidate Questionnaire* for more details and a specific plan to balance the budget.

Virtually no country in the world will allow U.S. citizens to enter their country currently due to the coronavirus. Is the United States on the right track when it comes to managing this pandemic? Why or why not?

Yes, from a federal perspective. Halting travel from nations with high infection rates was key as was President Trump's response from a "Federalism" perspective. State Governors are responsible to and for their citizens under our Constitution. The federal government should only act when States are incapable of doing their job versus not wanting to. As designed, President Trump provided federal resources to assist overwhelmed States: hospital ships, respirators, field hospitals, etc. thus taking a major load off the States that were incapable of keeping up with medical care needs. What did not seem to have happened effectively were the actions undertaken by most Governors. What do I mean? Well, each State including Wyoming, has a CDC reviewed Pandemic Influenza Plan going back to at least 2008 (ours was updated in June 2019). Yet few seem to have even referred to their plans before immediately insisting on federal management and control.