



Dear Friends and Neighbors:

It's a great honor to represent you in the Idaho Legislature. Team 17 (Senator Werk and Representatives Chew and Killen) provides our district with a powerful, unified voice on issues that matter to you and to our community. From job creation to tax policy, from schools to prison reform we represent the interests of the community and stand up for the middle class.

We pledge to you that we will fight for a better economy and jobs. We take seriously our constitutional duty to balance the budget and maintain a "general, uniform and thorough system of public, free common schools". We will continue to work for efficient government while strategically investing in public health and safety, state parks, and job creation to ensure a better life for our children and grandchildren.

Our mission is service to our community. We are grateful for the visits to our weekly office hours, attendance at our four public forums, and all the phone calls, emails, and letters. This input is critical for us to accomplish our mission - thank you!

Team 17 is again working hard on legislative and community initiatives. If you have any questions, suggestions, or want to be involved, please contact any one of us at any time at team17@cablone.net, or by phone at 658-0388 (Sen. Werk) or 344-0098 (Rep. Chew) or 345-2956 (Rep. Killen).

Again we want to stress what an honor it is to represent you in the Idaho Legislature. Thank you for the opportunity.

Sincerely,

Team 17

Senator Elliot Werk
Representative Sue Chew
Representative Bill Killen

This piece was not paid for at taxpayer expense.

Let us know what you think by completing and returning the following survey.

You may also complete the survey online or view the results of previous citizen surveys by visiting our websites:

www.killenforhouse.com
www.suechew.com
www.elliotwerk.org

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2010 Team 17 Citizen Survey

- What is your top priority for the Idaho Legislature?

<input type="checkbox"/> Job Creation	<input type="checkbox"/> More Budget Cutting
<input type="checkbox"/> Restore Education Funding	<input type="checkbox"/> Suing the Federal Government
<input type="checkbox"/> Sovereignty	<input type="checkbox"/> Expanding Health Care Coverage
<input type="checkbox"/> Limiting Illegal Immigration	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
- Team 17 joined other Idaho Democrats in proposing a comprehensive jobs package for small business called IJOBS. Do you support this focus on helping small business and creating jobs?

Yes No No Opinion Need More Information
- After watching the 2010 legislative session, do you feel that Idaho's current majority party leaders have a vision and a plan for Idaho's future economic growth and prosperity?

Yes No No Opinion Need More Information
- Despite the worst budget crisis in decades, cutting \$200 million from public schools, and threatening to eliminate funding to IPTV and state parks, do you support the decision by the legislature and Gov. Otter to start potentially multi-million dollar lawsuits against the federal government over healthcare reform and firearms?

Yes No No Opinion Need More Information
- The Air Force is considering locating up to 72, F35 fighters at Gowen Field. There are concerns with noise issues associated with these aircraft (they are noisier than the F15's that trained here last summer). Do you support the deployment of the F35 at Gowen Field?

Yes No No Opinion Need More Information
- Please grade the performance of Team 17.

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- Email: _____
- Comments and Suggestions:

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2010 Legislative Session Report and Survey

Working for the Middle Class

Improving Our Economy and Creating Jobs

Team 17 believes that the highest priority for the people that we represent is JOBS. As a result we worked tirelessly to promote any idea in the Idaho legislature that responsibly promoted job creation. Team 17 co-sponsored (with others) six pieces of legislation—dubbed the Idaho Jobs and Opportunity Blueprint (IJOBS)—to help small business create jobs. Although these bills were not passed, they contrasted with the lack of vision by the legislative majority leadership and the Governor.

You can count on Team 17 to continue to push for private sector job creation in future legislative sessions.

Opposing Historic Cuts to Public Schools and Higher Education

In difficult times everyone must tighten their belt. However, our children's schools shouldn't be slashed by \$200 million over two years while the Governor and legislature leave \$70 million in uncollected taxes and \$1 billion in special interest exemptions untouched. School cuts will result in larger classes, elimination of tutoring and other critical services, school closures, reducing the school year or week, and a decrease in the quality of education.

Over the last 2 years higher education funding has been cut by 25% and tuition rates increased about 10% per year. The College of Western Idaho desperately needed funds to keep up with explosive growth and when no funding came a tuition increase was required.

Team 17 could not support either of these budgets that are so critical to economic development.

Team 17 Leading the Way

We worked together (and with others) on the IJOBS proposals. Senator Werk and Representative Chew also teamed on a successful bipartisan bill to allow taxpayers to donate tax refunds to the Opportunity Scholarship college fund. Senator Werk also co-sponsored bipartisan bills to ban texting while driving, improve road safety, and ban dissolvable tobacco. In addition, he co-sponsored bills to eliminate special interest tax exemptions and consolidate highway jurisdictions. Representative Chew co-sponsored bills for epilepsy drug safety, safe medication disposal, and the donation of medications. Representative Killen proposed bipartisan bills to collect sales taxes owing on internet, TV, and catalog transactions, increase venture capital for small business, and to provide limited immunity to Idaho's Search and Rescue teams.

Paid for by Werk for Senate, Deb Spindler, Treasurer.

Paid for by Sue Chew for Idaho, Cindy Hedge, Treasurer.

Paid for by Killen for House, Galen Louis, Treasurer.



Senator Elliot Werk, Representative Sue Chew and Representative Bill Killen.

Protecting Your Quality of Life

Fighting for Your Medical Rights

Over the strong objections of Team 17, the majority party passed a bill to allow healthcare workers to withhold (without your knowledge) treatment and advice regarding a broad range of medical issues (including end-of-life care). Your end-of-life directive (living will) is now at risk!

Protecting Public Health

Very deep cuts to critical public health services like life saving medication for adults with cystic fibrosis and substance abuse treatment were shortsighted. They leave us all vulnerable to major medical and prison costs when we can least afford it. Team 17 could not support these budgets.

Saving State Parks and Idaho Public Television (IPTV)

When Governor Otter proposed slashing these services from state funding public reaction was swift and the Governor backed off. Team 17 supported the state parks and IPTV (at reduced levels). However, while the Governor demanded user fees for general public services, he and the legislature failed to ask the same for those agencies providing services to special interests (like polluters seeking permits) at various departments. These services are subsidized with millions of your tax dollars.

Making a Difference...One Step at a Time!

Team 17 placed third in the annual legislative exercise competition winning \$2,000 that we donated to four local elementary schools to invest in promoting active and healthy lifestyles for our children. Working together Team 17 amassed almost 1 million steps (or 475 miles) during the four week competition!

Fighting for a Government that Works

Economy and Jobs

Unfortunately, the legislature did virtually nothing to enhance our economy. The overall impact of state budget cuts for 2010 and 2011 is the equivalent of the loss of over 5,000 jobs, both public and private.

Revenues

Amid uncertainty, the majority party chose doom over gloom by selecting a very low revenue estimate (used to set the budget). New revenue data indicates that the state economists more realistic revenue figure will be met—meaning that the legislature left almost \$70 million out of the 2011 budget. This resulted in unnecessary budget cuts, further impacting schools, jobs, and Idaho families.

Poor Management, the State Budget, and Your Tax Dollars

Even by the best estimates state revenue has dropped by \$750 million (or 23%) since 2009. That has highlighted poor management in state government. Idaho's uncollected taxes run about \$250 million/year! Of this at least \$70 million is easily collectible. Despite minority proposals, the majority made only a token effort—leaving over \$50 million uncollected each year. In addition, special interest exemptions shortchange taxpayers by almost \$1 billion/year! You can count on Team 17 to continue to push for common-sense reform of these exemptions.

Being pragmatic, in almost all instances Team 17 supported sharply lower budgets. We supported these budgets only when we felt that our economy, and public health and safety were not severely compromised.

The "Balanced" Budget

Team 17 fully supports Idaho's constitutional requirement for a balanced budget. Unfortunately, in this election year, the majority party played games to "balance" the budget and avoid any discussion of taxes. This year upwards of \$100 million in budget requirements went unfunded and next year the legislature will face the need to plug this huge hole. To fill the hole left by the 2010 legislature without a tax increase Team 17 will continue to work to ensure that tax cheats pay and that special interest exemptions are eliminated.

Courtrooms over Classrooms - a Case of Twisted Priorities

While virtually ignoring job creation, the majority passed numerous pieces of legislation that have already resulted in costly lawsuits funded with your taxpayer dollars. Whether you support or oppose the issues, in a year that required deep cuts to critical services do you really want millions in scarce taxpayer funds to go to courtrooms instead of classrooms?