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About Trevor:

Trevor Barlow is a business executive, startup founder, nonprofit board member, sports coach and community volunteer. He has worked in the telecom, software and healthcare industries for over 25 years. He is most passionate about creating equal access to social, wellness and economic opportunities for all Vermonters through innovation and entrepreneurship. Trevor's passion is driven by his most important responsibilities as a husband and father of two elementary aged children. We can make Vermont better for them and all our children's future! His lifelong commitment to community development, volunteerism and not for profit board experience shaped his compassion and ideas for improving the lives of neighbors and fellow citizens, regardless of their political beliefs or economic status. He would like to introduce more humanity,

common sense, compassion and collaboration into the political conversation from a perspective that is independent of traditional party allegiance. Trevor believes we can find proactive and preventative solutions to social and fiscal challenges through collaboration, education and action. It is time for our state to be a national leader in innovation through entrepreneurship, technology, wellness, agriculture and outdoor recreation. He strongly believes that we deserve a state that honors our conservationist tradition, becomes more modern and prosperous through innovation, improves our diversity and affordability and promotes the health and wellness of all Vermonters.

Candidate's Position Statements:

Raise Revenues NOT Taxes

Trevor's plan to invest in entrepreneurship, technology, broadband, outdoor recreation and agriculture will help to grow our revenue, increase our state income and work toward lowering taxes for hardworking Vermonters. He will leverage fact and data-based assessments to measure the success of all his initiatives. We can make Vermont more affordable and accessible while boosting opportunity and wellness for all.

Grow the Economy and the Population Will Follow

Trevor will seek to help build and attract businesses that align with his economic plan to increase the diversity, size and geography of our population. Foremost, he will focus on keeping our youth in state and increasing our industry through targeted investment in entrepreneurship with a focus on technology, wellness and creativity. Trevor will also seek to encourage Vermonters who have left our state to return with their experience and energy to work, build businesses and make Vermont the best state in the country to live, work, recreate and raise a family.

Innovation

Vermont should not forfeit any opportunity to grow our economy that honors our values. We need to create significant economic incentives that allow for creativity and innovation to drive economic growth in our communities. Trevor's plan includes investing \$12 million annually in a special fund that will be managed by each of the 12 Vermont Regional Development Corporations. This Community Innovation Fund will invest in local businesses, schools and entrepreneurs to spur economic growth. We will seek to work with local and national industry partners to generate matching funds, business support and successful relationships for these new ventures. Each RDC will be tasked with creating and/or locating Innovation Centers, in their region, to help guide, house and support the new initiative while incubating new ideas.

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Agriculture and the Tax and Regulate Cannabis Market

Agriculture is in our blood. We are home to some of the best soils and farmers in the world. We need to be more innovative in our crop production, agricultural products and promotion of our farming excellence. Trevor will advocate for better marketing and support of our agricultural economy.

He will also lead the collaboration on a regulated and controlled cannabis economy to be implemented in his first year in office. As Vermonters, we are an educated and reasonable bunch. We understand that the positions against this opportunity are primarily based on fear and misinformation. We can help to build a valuable and credible market that spurs innovation, improves wellness, fights opioid addiction, promotes entrepreneurship and leads us into the modern agricultural economy.

Statewide Outdoor Recreation and Trails Initiative (SORTI)

We have amazing recreational trails due to the foresight and efforts of community organizations throughout the state; from VAST to Kingdom Trails to Ascutney and more. To date, these organizations have mainly relied upon the generosity of Vermont landowners in gaining access to these lands. We need to create economic and land use incentives for landowners that help us to create a statewide multi-use trail network for motorized and/or non-motorized enjoyment. A more coordinated, statewide approach to recreational opportunities will drive a significant boost in our tourism and recreation economy. We will lead the promotion of Vermont as an innovator in wellness and the environment.

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