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2024 Candidate Questionnaire

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Candidate name: Trenton (TJ) Hawthorne

Office seeking: MN State House of Representatives

Legislative District: 44B

Main Cities in the Legislative District: Oakdale, North St. Paul, Pine Springs

Political Party: Libertarian

Question 1.) Do you support the current law which allows for recreational hunting of wolves in Minnesota at the discretion of the DNR?

Candidate Response: I don't support the discretion of the DNR. I support the discretion of the landowner(s) to hunt on their property and protect their property.

Question 2.) Do you support a ban on public wolf hunting and trapping in Minnesota?

Candidate Response: I will never support a ban on anything that isn't aggressing on other human rights.

Question 3.) Do you support trapping reforms to eliminate snaring - a type of trapping that uses cheap wire nooses to catch animals? (

Candidate Response: I am always willing to have a discussion about reforms but I would probably not support a ban on this type of hunting. The unintended consequences of banning a particular activity, especially one that can help feed someone, are too great to impose any kind of ban.

Question 4.) Do you support requiring permission to trap on private property?

Candidate Response: YES! No one should be able to freely hunt on another person's property. I did not know this was the case in MN.

Question 5.) Do you support renewing adequate state funding to help farmers, wolves, and communities coexist by supporting smart and nonlethal strategies that prevent conflicts?

Candidate Response: No. The state does not need to get involved in 'helping' anyone do their own business.

FINAL: Please feel free to provide any additional comments relating to your responses above.

Candidate Response: I love nature and I love your efforts. I do think there are many unintended consequences that will follow, if you are able to get everything done in your agenda. I am ALWAYS willing to discuss this in a cordial manner and hopefully, everyone goes home 'happy'. Ultimately, I believe in property owner's rights.