

# **Minot Board of Realtors**

## **Legislative Candidate Questions – 2008**

### ***Bartlett for ND Senate Responses***

**1. Do you support the continuing and expanding operation of the North Dakota Housing Finance Agency?** No. The state should not be involved in banking.

**2. How do you feel about the level of real estate taxes? (and secondly) How do you view the balance of funding education that is being proposed by Governor Hoeven?** Property taxes should be eliminated. A small sales tax should cover all the government needs. Cut the size of government down to accommodate that small sales tax. The Governor's plan will increase the size and scope of government and socialism in North Dakota.

**3. How do you feel about continuing education for professional occupations such as Realtors?** The state should not mandate continuing education and neither should the industry, which only creates a monopoly to serve the profession and not the home seller or buyer.

**4. How do you feel about laws that allow electronic signatures for real estate documents?** Unfortunately, it is still easy to steal electronic signatures, but swift justice and severe criminal punishment would minimize the problem.

**5. How do you feel, as a legislator, about our current and future efforts of job creation?** The state should not be involved in economic development at all. Money spent via state programs is always less efficient than if left to the private businesses and free market.

**6. Why do you feel the REALTORS PAC should support your campaign?** I don't. If individual realtors see the value of working for American liberty with smaller and less-expensive, less-intrusive government, resulting in a serious reduction in property taxes, then they may want to get behind campaigns like ours. People could afford to buy more and bigger homes if government was not spending most of their money and inflating the rest.

Sincerely,

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