

Neelam-I am Keith R.Deschler, of 1239 1/2 Monroe Ave., Racine, WI 53405. I am the Libertarian Party candidate for State Assembly, 62nd District. My home phone # is (262) 898-6295, and my campaign manager is Jim Sewell (Deschler for Assembly, 917 W. Lawn Ave., Racine, WI 53405. His phone # is (262)633-4142. We don't have a web site yet. I am going to get a blog site set up soon. My main goals for the office are to reduce the size, cost, and scope of state government by freezing taxes and spending at current levels, and by further reducing that frozen budget by \$2.5 billion, to eliminate the structural deficit. I approach every issue with two questions: (1)-Will government get me what I want? and (2) What is government giving me that I DON'T WANT? Instead of giving you specific answers to the remaining questions on your questionnaire (implying that I believe that statist big government HAS the answers to give, through use of its coercive powers to tax, spend, and regulate), I believe that as a society we have to do much more through voluntary and charitable efforts to "fill in the gaps" that government programs are not able to fill, or that coercive government should ideally not do at all. What ever happened to family, friends, coworkers, the United Way, churches, charitable organizations, celebrity charities (entertainers, athletes) ? A short-term help to bolster the government programs you mentioned would be Ron Paul's proposal to end the war in Iraq, withdraw most of our troops in over 130 countries, and use those funds to bolster Social Security, Medicare, and disability programs to those who need them most. The next step would be to reform the "big ticket" entitlements (Social Security, Medicare) through allowing private accounts and vouchers to recipients instead of payments to hospitals. (See Cato Institute, Ron Paul, and Rep. Paul Ryan's proposals). Eventuslly, these issues should be dealt with at the state level, which is consistent with the 10th amendment to the Bill of Rights. This is what limits Federal power, and leaves most authority with state and local governments, and with the people. We have to gradually move back to this, and it will take some time to implement a transition plan. I know that you want legislators that will advocate a laundry list of programs to expand government aids to disabled folks. I don't make that promise, but I do promise to work to lessen the tax and budgetary burdens in this heavily taxed and regulated state, so that more jobs are created, especially in service industries that will easily accommodate physically and mentally disabled adults. Thus, they can work and be productive members of society, instead of wards of the state. This won't be possible for all disabled folks, especially the most severely impaired. Some charitable and governmental aids must be available for them, and for their families. Long term, as a Libertarian, I want government to be reduced to its basic functions of a social protector of life, liberty, and property, and an economic umpire to overrule force, theft, and fraud. My ultimate motto is, "Civil government is the problem. Self-government is the solution". This is my basic approach to the issues stated in your survey. If you have any comments on my answers, feel free to email me at the above address.

Sincerely, Keith R. Deschler