

Arizona Trucking Association Candidate Survey 2018

Name: **Denise Link**

Office Sought: **Arizona House**

District: **24**

Status: **Open Seat**

Party: **Democratic**

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Previous Office(s): **Arizona Board of Nursing**

Education: **PhD**

Occupation: **Clinical Professor**

Accepting PAC Contributions: **Yes**

Are you interested in an endorsement: **Yes**

5. If elected, what are your top three priorities for 2019-2020?

Answer: Access to affordable health care; dedicated funding source for education; public safety

6. Do you support the continued use of bona fide independent contractors in the trucking industry and oppose efforts by state and local governments to reclassify owner-operators as employees?

Answer: Yes

Comments:

7. Do you support the conversion of our existing infrastructure into toll roads?

Answer: No

8. Do you support the use of toll roads for construction of new infrastructure?

Answer: No

9. On a scale of one to ten (one being low) how important do you believe transportation infrastructure (roads and highways) is to the success of the Arizona's economy?

Answer: 10

Comments: I am also concerned about public safety on our roadways and improved access for our rural areas

10. Currently, alternative fuel vehicles (natural gas and electric) do not pay any taxes or fees for use of the roads. (i.e. a gas tax substitute) Do you believe that

these vehicles should pay something for use of the roads, or do you believe that they should continue to get a discount for using alternative fuels?

Answer: I believe alternative fueled vehicles should continue to get a discount for use of the roads.

Comments: Until the use of fossil fuels is significantly reduced, I am in favor of providing incentives to purchase and use clean renewable energy for all purposes.

11. Currently, both the Department of Transportation and the Department of Public Safety have law enforcement officers that specialize in commercial vehicle enforcement. Do you believe Arizona should look at consolidating all truck enforcement activities under the Department of Public Safety?

Answer: Yes, I believe we should look at consolidating ADOT's law enforcement under the DPS.

Comments:

12. Given the importance of transportation is to our economic success, how would you propose we solve the revenue shortfall needs for transportation?

Answer: Most of the states that have significantly increased funds for transportation have relied on raising the tax on gasoline. A few have also increased the vehicle registration fee. I would support a combination of these two approaches, gradually raising the gas/diesel tax and registration fees 3% over the course of three years