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Life sciences economic development:

What is the role of state government in supporting life sciences economic development?

Government's role should be limited, but the free market should determine the success of life sciences. Life Science can be more innovative in the free market, and not limited by government regulations and red tape.

K-16 science education:

How can Georgia ensure that its students will be able to compete for 21st century advanced technology jobs and that our state will have the skilled work force to support life sciences industry growth?

We have to train and educate our students in math and science more urgently. We need to have more technical schools that help train many students for the jobs of the future. We have to move from the severe importance of CRCT testing and move toward the students mastering science, math, language arts, etc.

Federal health care reform:

What, if anything, is the most critical need for Georgians when it comes to health care reform?

The solution to the health care crisis isn't a Government take over of health care, but reform in the free-market. We have to stop doctors and the health care industry from practicing defensive medicine, and that will not stop until we have proper tort reform. Health care cost would go down and more people could be covered in new inventive ways. Preventative health care is the key to lower health care cost in the long run.