

Pete Fox – 2026 HD56 Candidate
My Vision and Plan

The Problem:

If we want our kids to choose a life in Wyoming, they must have viable opportunities to thrive. Responsible growth must include them and our middle class. It can't just be the billionaires harvesting our State's jewels.

Unfortunately, our State hasn't done well for our kids, or the middle class. Growth in Wyoming's gross domestic product (GDP - how much Wyoming produces per year) has been moribund for the last 20 years. It's stuck near \$40B/yr. Who's the largest contributor to our State GDP? The government. Larger than oil/gas/mining. Larger than real estate. Not by a little, but by a LOT.

Our median household income is also stagnant, ~\$75k/yr. We were once above the national median, now we're below. 1/3rd of Wyoming households make less than \$50k/yr, single adults living alone make less than \$40k/yr. Add to this chronic overdose deaths. Wyoming is the 3rd highest in the nation, Natrona the 3rd highest in the State. Suicides have rocketed higher by 60% over the last 20 years, far higher than the national average.

These aren't signs of a thriving middle class or happy young adults. This begs for defined focus.

The Vision:

My Vision is straightforward containing two driving tines:

- 1) Grow the middle class
- 2) What's good for our kids is good for Wyoming

The Plan:

My efforts will focus on improving three areas:

1) *Protect Wyoming citizens:*

We have affordability challenges, healthcare costs and disparate property tax issues being among the various drivers increasing pressure on working people, families, retirees, and young parents. Too many residents feel like they're working harder just to keep their heads above water. I will support policies that help Wyomingites keep more of what they earn.

2) *Grow Wyoming Jobs and Opportunities:*

Searching the [Whitehouse website](#) under the 'Trump Effect' outlines \$10,500 BILLION in hard core mainstreet investments being reshored back into the USA. Not Wallstreet – mainstreet. That's us. The list is also growing. Who exactly in Wyoming is engaging in this tidal wave of opportunity? I will!

I'll partner with our Governor, Secretary of State, Wyoming Business Council / Alliance and private industry to attract the best business candidates our way. There's no reason why we can't diversify beyond what we currently have and grow our middle class in a SMART fashion making sure we benefit our kids both short and long term while also protecting our world-class environment.

3) *Protect Wyoming's Legacy Industries, Resources and Future:*

Wyoming is seeing a renaissance across our legacy industries as new energy demands come to bear while new opportunities in rare earths, nuclear, data centers and others begin to rise.

Utilizing my broad experience across the energy sector, I'm confident we can chart Wyoming's prosperous future while maintaining balance between our ambitions and the unflinching requirements to protect our beautiful State.