

### **State Legislative Candidates – HD 107 – Neil Friske**

1. Why are you interested in serving the people, families, and businesses in northern Michigan?  
I have 4 sons and 5 grandchildren and I would like for them to be able to grow up with the same freedoms and liberties as I was blessed to. With the direction things are heading that is seriously threatened. Families and businesses are struggling as a result of our inflated economy and over taxation and government overreach. We need representation that will keep government in check and return Michigan to a state people desire to live and do business in.
2. How will you use your role to support the economic vitality of our region?  
I will work tirelessly to fight for northern Michigan businesses and my constituents to reduce their tax burden which will leave more money in their pockets to spend as they see fit.
3. Do you believe local government should have broad authority to regulate short-term rentals?  
I do not believe the state should get involved in this issue. Local governments know best what suits each of their communities and regions and should make these decisions accordingly.
4. How would you address the shortage of skilled labor in northern Michigan?  
We need to find a solution to the housing crisis so people can afford to live here which in turn will take care of the labor shortage .
5. How would you prioritize leftover funds from federal aid packages and surplus dollars in the state's general fund?
6. The availability of housing is a barrier to business growth and talent attraction in our region. How do you intend to address the affordable housing shortage?  
This unfortunately is not a simple fix issue. We need to start by getting government regulations out of the way so its more attractive for developers and investors to work on housing projects.
7. Many families struggle to secure quality child care. This can be a barrier to attracting talent and keeping people in or bringing people back into the workforce. How will you work to increase access to affordable and quality child care?
8. What are your solutions for supporting businesses being affected directly by inflation and supply chain costs?  
Well we need to implement policies that support business expansion and growth. We need to return out state to energy independence which will help drastically in reducing costs that are a huge barrier to our economic health. Our federal administrations policies are crippling our nation and as a result each state as well.