**2024 Pend Oreille County Republicans**

**Plank # 7 -Business & Economy** *Revised 3/24/2024*

**The future of the United States of America, depends on a strong and vibrant private business sector unencumbered by excessive government regulation.**

**We believe;**

1. Federal and Washington State legislators should minimize government regulations of small businesses, and also reduce taxes and fees in order to promote the creation and growth of new businesses.
2. Efforts of our county government should focus on providing an environment favorable, and friendly, to all businesses through minimization of regulation related to conditional use, and entice new business into our County through the use of tax credits, deferrals, and or other monetary incentives.
3. Where the government provides funds to private business for any reason, they may set reasonable repayment terms but may not exercise management control beyond that of a traditional creditor.

**We oppose:**

1. Nationalization of private business, and under no circumstances shall government be allowed to purchase ownership interest in private businesses.
2. Government meddling in the free market system of capitalism to influence on the operation of private business, including, but not limited to;
* Pay or incentive structures, especially minimum wage
* Mergers and acquisitions
* Product offerings or restrictions on portion sizes
* Providing health and life insurance
* Retirement programs and other unfunded mandates