



Nathan Wendt, candidate for U.S. Senate, wishes fathers across Wyoming a Happy Father's Day

Proposes several policies including universal childcare, accommodations for expectant parents, paid sick and parental leave

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Jackson, Wyoming – June 21, 2020 – Today, Nathan Wendt, Democratic Candidate for U.S. Senate in Wyoming celebrated Father's Day by proposing several policies he will champion as Senator. These policies will provide working people and their families an opportunity to balance work and time with their children. They will also help level the playing field for women, who are paid approximately 80 percent of men's salaries and often do work that is not financially rewarded.

Said Nathan,

“Being a father and doing right by my family is the most important job I have and I thank my father for inspiring me to get involved in public service and encouraging me to reach for my highest potential. Today I wish all the wonderful fathers and father-figures who lift us up when we are down, give us guidance, love, and patience, a very happy Father's Day.

As a father I know that all too often parents are forced to sacrifice time with their kids in order to put food on the table. As Senator I will champion legislation to make access to basic childcare universal for Americans. This program will encourage greater labor force participation and provide critical early childhood development and educational opportunities for thousands of children right here in Wyoming. As a state, we do not provide state-funded pre-K and only 14 percent of 3- and 4-year-olds in Wyoming are enrolled in state prekindergarten programs. Childcare expenses are more expensive than college expenses in Wyoming and 4.5 percent more than rent expenses on average.

We also must make sure expecting mothers are given reasonable accommodations while working and that all working people are provided paid sick leave. In Wyoming, there are an estimated 4,000 pregnant women in the labor force and approximately 83,000 private sector workers that lack access to paid sick leave.

Finally, we must build on recent progress granting paid parental leave to federal employees and ensure the private sector follows. More than 6,000 children are born in Wyoming each year, and in 72 percent of all Wyoming households with children – nearly 90,000 homes – both parents have paying jobs. These families need paid parental leave to ensure they are able to return to the workforce, have time to build family bonds and heal, and do so with reduced financial stress.”

To learn more about Nathan and how his ideas will benefit Wyoming, please go to www.Wendtforyoung.com and follow him at @Wendtforyoung.

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