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This legislator voted constitutionally on **33%** of the votes shown below.

★ Pro-liberty      ✗ Anti-liberty      ? Did not Vote      **Vote**

**1. H585 Ban on Central Bank Digital Currency** (failed 30 to 40 on 3/19/2024). Would ban the use of a Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) in Idaho. **No** ✗

**2. S1234 'Morning-After' Pill Requirement** (passed 35 to 34 on 3/11/2024). Requires health benefit plans to cover a six-month supply of prescription contraceptives. **Yes** ✗

**3. HJM11 Impeachment Over Illegal Migration** (failed 34 to 34 on 3/11/2024). Calls for the impeachment of President Biden over his "high crime of willfully failing to enforce existing immigration law," and for Congress to tighten border security. **No** ✗

**4. H602 Defunding Teachers Unions** (failed 31 to 38 on 3/7/2024). Bars the use of public funds or resources to support teachers unions. **No** ✗

**5. H493 Prohibiting Mask Mandates** (passed 46 to 24 on 2/16/2024). Prohibits state and local government from mandating the use of face masks, face shields, or other face coverings to prevent or slow the spread of a disease. **Yes** ★

**6. H421 Identification by Biological Sex** (passed 54 to 14 on 2/7/2024). Provides a legal definition for "gender" that is consistent with a person's "biological sex." **Yes** ★



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**Rep. Richard Cheatum**

**ID Scorecard 2024**

**Lifetime Score: 25%**

**2024 Regular Session Score**

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U.S. Constitution, Amendment I --- 11 C.F.R. §114(4)(c)(4) --- 616 F.2d 45 (2d Cir. 1980)

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# Bill Descriptions for the Votes that Affect You

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## 1. Ban on Central Bank Digital Currency

H585 would ban the use of a Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) in Idaho. A Central Bank Digital Currency would be an unconstitutional and intolerable expansion of tyranny under the Federal Reserve—presenting a significant danger to Americans' civil liberties by decimating personal privacy and allowing for a full-fledged surveillance state. According to Article 1, Section 10, of the U.S. Constitution, "No State shall...make any Thing but gold and silver Coin a Tender in Payment of Debts." The States can and must act now to avow their adherence to constitutionally sound money.

## 2. 'Morning-After' Pill Requirement

S1234 requires health benefit plans to cover a six-month supply of prescription contraceptives.

Hormonal birth control drugs and devices, particularly high-dose 'morning-after' pills, can and do prevent uterine implantation of developing preborn children, causing them to function not only as "contraceptives," but also as abortifacients, thereby resulting in 'silent abortions.' Given that the care of human life—not its destruction—is the greatest responsibility of government, Idaho ought to forbid abortion and other grotesque methods of population control entirely, upholding the sanctity of life for every person. The right to life is the most fundamental, God-given, and unalienable right asserted in the Declaration of Independence and guaranteed by the Fifth and 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

## 3. Impeachment Over Illegal Migration

HJM11 calls on Congress to impeach the President and to prioritize laws tightening border security and immigration.

President Biden warrants impeachment for "sanctioning an invasion of the United States," albeit officials in every branch of the federal government have engaged in this "lawlessness and treason." Instead of failing to uphold their oath of office, members of Congress and the President should support the Constitution by ending mass illegal migration. Article I, Section 8, of the Constitution gives Congress power to "establish a uniform Rule of Naturalization," as well as to call forth "the Militia to execute the Laws of the Union, suppress Insurrections and repel Invasions," whereas Article II, Section 4, provides that "all civil Officers of the United States, shall be removed from Office on Impeachment for, and Conviction of...high Crimes."

## 4. Defunding Teachers Unions

H602 bars the use of public funds or resources to support teachers unions. A child's education is not the role of government—rather, it is the responsibility of his or her family. Absolutely no money should be extorted from taxpayers so that 'woke,' corrupt, and power-hungry teachers unions (e.g., NEA or AFT) can continue to preach socialism in the classroom. The best 'school choice,' by far, is for parents to choose not to send their children or their hard-earned dollars to any government school. Educational and economic freedom cannot be achieved if the people of Idaho consent to their legislators forcing their fellow citizens to fund all that now entails a compulsory, failing, and government-run K-12 school system.

## 5. Prohibiting Mask Mandates

H493 prohibits state and local government from mandating the use of face masks, face shields, or other face coverings to prevent or slow the spread of a disease.

Public mask mandates are unconstitutional and unscientific. An individual's non-injurious personal health care decisions should be considered private matters not under federal, state, or local jurisdiction in the United States. Compelling every person to cover their face, quarantine, or be vaccinated under the guise of 'preventive medical treatment' violates the fundamental rights of the people protected by the Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment.

## 6. Identification by Biological Sex

H421 provides a legal definition for "gender" that is consistent with a person's "biological sex."

The LGBTQ+ movement is absurdly attempting to erase basic matters of scientific fact through the conflation of biological sex and fictional "gender identity" constructs (e.g., "transgender," "nonbinary," "intersex," or "two-spirit"). As affirmed in the Declaration of Independence, our "unalienable Rights" cannot be defined apart from the self-evident truth—found in the "Laws of Nature and of Nature's God"—that humanity is comprised of unique, but complementary, individual persons born distinctly male or female and created equally in the image of "their Creator." The logic from radical social theorists, who suppress the obvious and immutable, is quite simple: No "Creator," no rights. Each State therefore has a compelling interest and duty to protect against gross efforts to redefine human rights and reinterpret the Constitution based on false premises, such as "sexual fluidity."