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Lars: Welcome back to the Lars Larson show. It's a pleasure to be with you live on the Radio Northwest Network, serving the Northwest for the last 22 years. I get a chance to kind of invent the show whatever way I like. Most days we kind of follow the same format, but today we've set aside an hour. Now, I had originally planned to have two of the Republicans running to replace Jaime Herrera Butler as the RINO Republican in the 3rd congressional district. But one of the two, Heidi St. John declined the invitation. Joe Kent said yes immediately and he stuck to his Yes. So we said, okay, how can we change this up? And I thought, I know let's invite a member of the Democratic party. So Brent Hennrich joins me now, who is a husband, father, former project manager and cinema executive.

Mr. Hennrich, welcome to the program.

Brent: Thank you, Lars.

Lars: I'm glad to have you on. Hang on just second while I get Joe Kent on. Joe Kent you've heard before on this program. He's a retired Special Forces warrant officer and the gold star husband of fallen soldier Shannon Kent who was murdered by ISIS. He is running as a GOP candidate for the 3rd congressional district, and Brent Hennrich is running as a Democrat.

Joe, welcome.

Joe: Thanks, Lars, thanks for having me on.

Lars: Okay. Out of a sense of fairness and equity and all that, this is as woke as I ever get. I'm going to let the Democratic party member go first.

So Brent, would you mind telling my audience, you're running for the third congressional district, it's currently held by a RINO Republican, if you get elected by the voters in November, what are you going to do as a member of Congress for the people of that district, and for the people of this country?

Brent: Well, I just want to thank you for having me on again, Lars. It's nice to talk to you again, Joe.

My name is Brent Hennrich. I'm running for Congress in Washington's 3rd Congressional District to unseat Jaime Herrera Buetler. I'm a husband, father and son, I'm running to not only ensure a better future for my children, but the children of everybody in Washington's 3rd. It's a district I've been proud to call home for the past two decades. And for far too long our vast district has lacked proper representation in the halls of Congress.

We have a representative that's shown she does not actually care about the people here, which is totally unacceptable.

We need a government that is for the people and by the people and that's how ours was founded, and we need to be doing more for the people in Southwest Washington. I'm just trying to make sure that we have a representative who's accessible, who will listen to the people of Southwest Washington, and actually take their concerns to heart, take them to D.C. and make sure they're acted upon, and that's been the cornerstone of my campaign, is reaching out to everyone in platforms like this.

While I agree most of my voters aren't on here listening to your show, there are voters

here, and I need to be able to talk to them. So here I am.

Lars: Very good Brent.

Joe, what would you do as a member of congress if you got the opportunity? You and I have talked about things like this before, but what would you do?

Joe: Well, Lars, thanks for hosting this debate. And Brent, thank you so much for participating in this important discussion. The choice in this election is clear. There's a failed democrat establishment offering the radically destructive Biden-Inslee agenda that has us on the verge of collapse via inflation and assaults on our family. This is the agenda that Brent is advocating for. And there's also the failed Republican establishment that Jaime Herrera Buetler is a champion of. And that agenda wants our manufacturing base shipped overseas. They want our economy in the hands of the Chinese Communist Party on Wall Street. They want our borders wide open, and the best of our nation bleeding out on foreign battlefields. I fought on the front lines of our wars based on lies for this failed establishment. I understand exactly how we have been lied to. I'm offering the only realistic way out of the crisis facing our nation. We put our country first by bringing back our jobs from overseas, fixing our broken critical infrastructure, deregulating our timber and fishing industries, unleashing American oil, gas and energy production, putting parents in charge of their children's education, securing our borders, and avoiding foreign wars, and being strong at home. We can accomplish this American renewal by rejecting the failed uni-party doctrine that has gotten us to this point by joining together to live up to the sacrifices of all of those who have fought for this great nation.

I'm really looking forward to this conversation. Thank you very much.

Lars: Alright, let me go back to Brent. Brent, you're a member of the Democratic party. Can we agree that gas prices are too high? And what should Congress do about that?

Brent: I agree gas prices are too high. I filled up my car today while out getting a haircut and dropping my daughter off. Gas prices are too high. But so are oil profits are too high right now. Prices per barrel have been coming down and fluctuating and stabilizing, and I truly hope do come down further. But prices are remaining at levels where they're not consistent with oil price.

So it's a matter of, we're paying at the pump to line CEO's pockets, and having oil companies make up for losses over the time of the pandemic when people weren't driving.

Lars: Brent, maybe you weren't hearing my question. I asked "what should Congress do about it?" So if you're saying it's the oil company profits, they make an average of 8% profit, if you took all the profit out, it wouldn't change gas prices much. But let's go back to my first question. As a member of Congress -- you want to be in the Congress -- what should Congress do about it?

Brent: Well, we need to legislate to make sure that oil companies can't price gouge.

Lars: Do you think there is price gouging going on now?

Brent: Yes.

Lars: Because when the price of oil goes up, the price of gasoline goes up. Where do you see the evidence of gouging? I'm just curious, and then I'll get it to Joe for his response.

Brent: Because the price of oil has come down and the price of gasoline has not.

Lars: Do you think we should drill for oil here and reverse the policies that Joe Biden put in place on day one of his presidency?

Brent: We're drilling at a rate that we've never drilled at before. We're producing more oil domestically than we ever have before. And right now the oil companies are just taking that, they're gouging American citizens and they're raking in record profits.

Lars: Okay, Brent Hennrich says that it's oil company profits. Joe, how would you fix or address energy prices in America?

Joe: You know, from the congressional standpoint, we need to unleash U.S. drilling, U.S. fracking, U.S. natural gas. Under president trump we had... We weren't just energy independent, we were a net exporter of energy. So I think to fix the price at the pump, but then also a lot of our supply chain issues, we have to get back to that state. So we need massive amounts of deregulation. We need to get back, lift the moratorium on being able to explore for more gas and oil reserves, and really harness all that U.S. power. Because the stronger we are at home, the stronger we are on the world stage. We're at... We're potentially going to be held hostage once again by the OPEC cartel. Because we killed off the Keystone XL pipeline, we pretty much hampered and killed off our entire oil and gas energy sector. I would also include we get back to exploring all options, especially like nuclear power. Nuclear power is incredibly safe. It's incredibly environmentally friendly. That's something that we could really tap into to get us more energy independence.

Lars: Let me ask a cleanup question. We're going to break fast.

Brent, are you suggesting that the Congress should regulate the profits of the oil industry?

Brent: I believe that we currently regulate a lot of things, and that there should be regulations to stop price gouging in this country.

Lars: But you're not talking about having the government dictate the profits of the oil companies?

Brent: No.

Lars: Okay, fair enough. We're going to put everybody on hold for just a moment. We'll be right back.

It's a debate between Brent Hennrich, who is a Democratic candidate for the 3rd congressional district, and Joe Kent, the Republican candidate. And you're listening to the Lars Larson Show on the Radio Northwest Network.

Welcome back to the Lars Larson Show. It's a pleasure to be with you, and we're having a little bit of a debate today. It involves the Democratic candidate for the 3rd congressional district in Washington state, the seat currently held by the RINO Republican, Jaime Herrera Buetler, and Brent Hennrich is running for that, husband, father, former project manager and cinema executive. And the Republican candidate that I favor, Joe Kent, retired Special Forces warrant officer.

Joe, I'm going to let you go first on this one. We've got massive inflation in America. What should the government be doing or not doing right now to address that?

Joe: Well, the number one thing I think we could do is what we just discussed -- getting back to being energy independent. That would go a very long way into lowering the cost on all

goods, especially at the pump. But one of the things we have to do is we have to stop printing money, and this irresponsible spending. These omnibus bills that every single time it seems like they're over \$1 trillion dollars. Biden just announced today he's sending billions more over to Ukraine for aid or to, you know, assist the refugees resettling here, which is a whole different topic. But we continue to just print money, and we keep these interest rates artificially low with the Fed. We are basically in a position to the point where we're facing stagflation. We're not producing anything, but we're running up these exorbitant massive amounts of debts. And this is a massive, massive national security threat because we rely on the Chinese Communist Party, our number one enemy, to buy up our debt bonds. So with all the other challenges in the world, we are setting ourselves up for an economic collapse. So we have to get serious. Energy independence is massive, and then stop the irresponsible spending. Stop to quantitative easing or printing of money. And we're going to have to do hard things like actually raise the interest rate at the Fed.

Lars: I'm going to ask Brent Hennrich effectively the same question. What should the government do? And what is its role in curing inflation in this country? Which Joe Biden, a member of your party, the Democratic party, said last year was transitory in July, and now it appears to be, you know, basically permanent, or at least till further notice. What should the government be doing? And is the massive government spending, as Joe Kent says, a big part of why we're seeing inflation that's somewhere between 8% and 10% on an annual basis right now?

Brent: Well the data is in. The American rescue plan worked. So trying to say that the spending is causing the inflation, I disagree with. We're experiencing record job growth. And we're also seeing global inflation from the current issues of our -- why can I not think of the word and now... Global supply chain issues are creating price increases. We're seeing year over year price increases. We do not know what the permanent inflation rate will be.

Like I've already said, gas is too high at the pump and it's hurting families, and it's hurting them right here in the 3rd, and we need to address those issues.

But just saying that we're no longer going to invest in our people or be a player at the world stage is not going to fix inflation. It'll make it worse.

Lars: Well, Brent, I'm curious about this. We're not going to invest in our people is the way you see it. So when the government shoveled out trillions of dollars in stimulus payments and prepaid childcare tax credits and all that, that's an investment? How is that an investment? Because all it is is just money that was borrowed by the federal government and shoveled out into the economy. You're not saying that shoveling out all those trillions of dollars over the last two years has helped to create the inflation we're seeing now?

Brent: The Child Tax Credit was proven to reduce childhood poverty, which was exactly what it was designed to do. The \$3,000 per child truly helped. And now by removing it, we're putting people back into poverty. We're putting people back onto social programs. It worked.

Lars: Well, Brent, I'm curious. You mentioned we have record job growth. We have 11.3 million open jobs that people don't want to take because the government is paying them not to take the jobs. How does that --

Brent: That's actually inaccurate.

Lars: We don't have 11 million open jobs. That's what Joe Biden's Bureau of Labor Statistics said.

- Brent:** We are not paying people to not take jobs. That is not anymore a thing. That may have been a thing mid 2020, early in 2021. That is not a thing that's still happening.
- There is no expanded federal money going to it. All of those programs, people that were put onto unemployment, ran their unemployment, and continued on until it ended. They're not getting paid to sit at home.
- Lars:** Are we today paying workers more than we've ever paid them before because wages have gone up dramatically in the last 12 months?
- Brent:** I believe that is true. Yes.
- Lars:** Okay, now, if you get the job in Congress, will you vote for more federal payments of whatever kind? Whether you call it stimulus, whether you call it tax credits or whatever? Will you vote for more stimulus of the kind we saw, and of the kind that Joe Biden is asking for right now?
- Brent:** I would absolutely support the enhanced child tax credits that were in function, and were helping people stay out of poverty. I believe those were good things that I would absolutely support.
- Lars:** Before I go back to Joe, wouldn't the best way out of poverty be to go out and take one of the many jobs that are available and put the people who are not working to work again?
- Brent:** If those people had the skills to be able to do those jobs through better education, which I suggest that we provide, from early childhood education, trade school allowances and community college so they could fill those jobs, then absolutely. That would be wonderful.
- Lars:** Let me go back to Joe Kent for his response to that.
- Joe:** Yeah, I mean, really, we have to get back to being energy independent to lower the cost of all goods. I think another key thing is cutting off all the Covid relief. The Covid relief was still baked into this last \$1.5 trillion omnibus bill. It might not be in effect to the extent that it was just a year ago, but it's there. So they can turn it back on if they want to use Covid policies once more.
- I think immigration is huge too. We have to seal off --
- Lars:** Oh, I'm going to get to that.
- Joe:** But that's an assault, really, on the working class, and that's an assault too, on the middle class, that those that are striving for a better job. We've allowed millions of people into this economy right now that are potentially taking away jobs from Americans, undercutting their wages. So we can have people say they want a \$15 minimum wage, \$25 minimum wage, and it won't matter because in corporate America, they're not going to pay those wages, they're just going to hire illegal immigrants. So we need to tighten up the labor market in favor of the American worker. Cut off a lot of the stimulus just to be fiscally responsible, and also to give people an incentive to go back to work.
- Lars:** Let me go back to Brent. Brent Hennrich is the Democrat running for the 3rd congressional district. I'm glad to have a Democrat on the program. It doesn't happen all that often.
- Brent, on Ukraine, the President said today he wants to welcome, for starters, 100,000 refugees. Should we do that? If so, why? And how is that good for America?

Brent: Well yes, I do believe that we should welcome the 100,000 refugees, and quite possibly many more. The refugees, all of the statements that I've seen so far, this is short term refugee status that they're seeking. This is women and children. This is families that want to get back to their husbands, sons and fathers that are still in Ukraine. These people need refuge now in order to remain safe, and they want to go back to their homes.

So I do not see the problem in America stepping up as a global leader that we are, and showing these people compassion and giving them some place to be in the in-between, while Vladimir Putin continues his all-out illegal assault on a sovereign democratic country.

Lars: Quickly, in 30 seconds, Joe, if we bring these refugees here and they go from a poor country like Ukraine to a rich country like America, do you think they're going home?

Joe: That's exactly it. Nobody ever leaves America. So no, we shouldn't be taking in any of these refugees. They can stay there in the region, Poland should be committed. We can support the Polish government and them welcoming in those refugees temporarily. But we should not be taking in any refugees, period.

Lars: Joe Kent is running for the 3rd congressional district, and so is Brent Hennrich. It's a debate today, and you're listening to the Lars Larson Show.

Welcome back to the Lars Larson Show. So there's a race to fill the third congressional district seat that is currently held by the woman that I believe should lose that seat, and that of course is Jaime Herrera Buetler who is a RINO Republican. Joe Kent is the Republican running to replace her and I believe he is the correct choice. But I get the opportunity to have him debate against Democrat Brent Hennrich, who is a husband, father, former project manager and an aspirant to take that 3rd congressional seat.

Brent, I want to start with you on this one, because we've been trying to hit the high points in an hour. So we've got a border problem. I think we have a border problem. Last year, the CBP estimates three million people came illegally into America and Joe Biden's administration did nothing to stop that, and in fact actually worked to facilitate that happening. This year, the number looks to be even higher than that. Is that a wise policy for America? And would you as a member of Congress support this kind of massive illegal invasion of our country?

Brent: Well as of current, we're seeing record numbers of deportations and record numbers of seizures coming across the border.

So which is it? Is it that we have this massive amount that are projected? Or is it the massive amount that the current administration is actually apprehending, deporting, the drug seizures that are happening that are never hitting our streets?

Lars: Well Brent, hold on. They're not deporting. Deportations have dropped off. And the total number estimated to have come into the country encountered CBP or been seen by the CBP and then released into the interior of the United States was three million last year. That's not projected. I'm asking you, is it smart to have a country where we can be invaded by three million people a year? This year's numbers are already tracking well ahead of last year's numbers. So this year the number could be four million or more. Is that a smart policy for America?

Brent: The people that you just said had been released by CBP into America had been released with a court date to go through our immigration courts, where they have sought asylum in this country, and that is legal. And --

Lars: And up to 90% of them don't show up for their court date because they go into... They go into sanctuary cities and they just never show up, and they're never brought to justice because they don't have to, because ICE has already been told by the Biden administration, we don't want you enforcing those laws. Do you really honestly believe that those three million people are all going to show up for their court date? And when the 95% that are routinely denied asylum because they don't meet the criteria under the law that they're all going to simply leave on their own?

Brent: I don't believe your numbers, where you're saying 90% and 95% aren't going to show up. I do not believe that that --

Lars: 85-90% don't show up for their court dates. That's a number from CBP. And of those who show up and ask for asylum status, the judge looks at their case and says, you don't meet the legal criteria. Under the laws Congress passed, you can't stay.

You think we're going to get three million people from last year back out of the country?

Brent: We're aware of it. That of the three million that came last year, a lot of them already did leave. And of the numbers you're projecting now are some of those same people coming back to do labor here in farms seasonally. That has been happening for decades. It --

Lars: I could spend all day... Brent, I want to get Joe's response. Joe. I don't know that there's any evidence that any of them left. And the Biden administration has not been sending them back. And in fact, they're talking about getting rid of Rule 42 that's allowed us to send a few people back because of Covid. Would you like to respond either to my question that I asked or to Brent Hennrich's comments?

Joe: Yeah. I mean, we have a crisis not just our southern border, but immigration in general. We have to finish the wall. That's number one priority. We have to give those down there on the border the resources that they need. I'd even support putting our military down there because we have military operations being conducted by the cartels, pumping fentanyl into our country. I've been down to the southern border to see where we stopped building up the wall that we funded under President trump. And Republicans like Jaime Herrera Buetler voted to stop construction of southern border wall. I've been down there, spoken with the border patrol. Talking with law enforcement officers and here in the district, our district being right between Portland, Seattle and Olympia, with the I-5 running right through it, those sanctuary cities drastically affect our crime, and that's an uptick in crime, of fentanyl trafficking, and human trafficking that we've seen as a direct correlation with the unsecure southern border. So, the security number one.

We can also leverage foreign aid heavily. I would not authorize one penny of foreign aid going to any country in South America to include Mexico until I see them take proactive measures to stop this massive illegal migration. But really, Joe Biden is the one that forces the illegal immigration by saying that the border is wide open.

I would support impeachment of him for those reasons right there.

We also have to start cracking down on employers who are hiring illegal immigrants. We have to make that something that they will pay heavily for. We also have to cut off all social welfare that goes to illegal immigrants. Once we do that, once we make it impossible for these people to work or benefit from our social welfare state, a lot of them will self deport, because the vast majority of them, I know they're not criminals, I understand they're just up here being rational actors benefiting from our society, they will leave if we close down those venues.

I feel the same way about legal immigration, visas that take away jobs from American workers. We need to cut those off in favor of our people.

Lars: Brent, I want to get a clarification. You believe that we didn't have millions of people illegally enter America last year?

Brent: No, that's not what I said. I said many of those people came here to do seasonal work and did go back.

Lars: Where... Where do you have... I'd love to see the... I mean is there any evidence that that actually happened? We used to...Decades ago America used to have migrant workers who'd come in, work, and go home. But where do you see the evidence that all these people who showed up in massive caravans on the southern border with their kids in strollers, were just coming in to pick crops and then turn around and go home? Where do you see that evidence? Because I haven't seen any of that and I've looked for it.

Brent: I don't have the reports in front of me. But I have seen that data shown that it's in larger numbers, but the same situations as we've always had in the United States with migrant workers.

Lars: So last year was just no different than any other year? It's the same situation? Is that what you're saying?

Brent: It's the similar situation on a larger scale, yes.

Lars: Well, the larger scale part is the problem. Are you saying there was a bigger entry of illegals last year or not?

Brent: I am going on the number that you provided, which would be a larger number. That's how numbers work. So if you're saying it's three million, that would be larger than the prior year, 1.8 million.

Lars: But you believe a lot, many of those people left and went back home? But you can't tell me where you found that information?

Brent: Correct.

Lars: Because I don't think they did. Do you also believe that we interdicted more drugs coming across our border last year? Or did drug trafficking increase dramatically last year?

Brent: I believe that we seized more drugs than we have ever seized.

Lars: I didn't ask how much we seized. I asked how much got in. There are two numbers. You can seize a lot of drugs. But if you're sending more, even more than that, more drugs got in. Did more drugs get in last year to America or not?

Brent: I wouldn't know that. All I can tell you is how much we seize.

Lars: Well then let me throw another number at you. The prior year we had 72,000 or so drug overdose deaths. Last year had shot up 30% to over 100,000. Why do you suppose that is?

Brent: I'm not somebody that deals with drug overdoses as to what would drive the psychology for people to use more drugs and end up in a drug overdose situation.

- Lars:** Could it be that we have many more illegal drugs coming into the country across that southern border? Could... Would that be a possibility?
- Brent:** It could be because of Santa Claus as well? We don't know the actual information.
- Lars:** Do you believe it's not because of Joe Biden's massive open southern border?
- Brent:** I do not believe that Joe Biden and the current southern border crisis of the United States is causing a drug overdose crisis.
- I do believe we have a problem with the southern border of Washington's 3rd, which is the I-5 bridge.
- Lars:** Okay, let's talk about the bridge. Let's talk about the bridge coming up next. I'm glad to do it in just a moment. I got a debate going on with the Democrat Brent Hennrich and the Republican Joe Kent. We'll be back in just a moment. You've got the Lars Larson Show.
- Welcome back to the Lars Larson Show. I've got the Democrat Brent Hennrich with us and the Republican Joe Kent, both of them seeking to replace Jaime Herrera Buetler. And by the way, the congresswoman keeps saying... Her staff keeps saying she will come back on at some point before the November election. I don't hold out much hope that she's going to hold on to her seat. I think she's very unpopular.
- Let me start with Brent. Brent, you mentioned the I-5 bridge, which is a critical link between Oregon and Washington, and on Interstate 5. There's a Federal role in that. Should there be?
- Brent:** Absolutely.
- Lars:** Why?
- Brent:** Because it's the main route for interstate commerce, which is directly under the Federal government.
- Lars:** But every time we build something with federal dollars, it costs a whole lot more money than it should. Would you agree with that?
- Brent:** Historically speaking, that has been an accurate statement.
- Lars:** Is that a smart way to do things?
- Brent:** It's how things are. I keep saying that we shouldn't federally fund a bridge on a federal corridor of I-5 that connects Canada all the way to Mexico for interstate commerce, for California, Oregon and Washington, to say that that's not a federal program.
- Lars:** Okay, let me ask Joe Kent about that. I have a whole different point of view, but that's okay. Joe, what's your take on this? Because it drives me nuts when we send a bunch of money off from Oregon and Washington, Federal taxes to Washington, D.C. They carve out their vig and then send a fraction of it back and say we're going to give you your own money back to build the things you need.
- Joe:** Yeah, this is... I mean, a place where we do have a clear just cause is interstate commerce. The problem, as you pointed out, is the fact that we tie up our critical infrastructure in these massive omnibus style bills. I mean, the Build Back Better, which was supposed to be infrastructure and included everything that was not infrastructure. I

think a very small percentage of that actually dealt with real infrastructure. So what I think we need is we need Federal leadership. We need Federal funding that includes the stakeholders from Oregon, from Washington, from Clark county, from Multnomah County to weigh in. But the heavy lifting needs to be done by Federal funding. Because as you pointed out, we already paid that money. I mean, that is our Federal tax dollars at work, and this is something that really affects the economy of our nation. We can move goods from Mexico up to Canada and over the Columbia River.

Lars: Joe, I'm going to let you wrap up first. I'll give Brent the last word. What do you want to tell my audience about why you want their vote and what you'll do with the office if you get it?

Joe: Yeah, absolutely. Well, thank you so much, Lars, for hosting this debate. And Brent, thank you so much for respecting the people of our district enough to eagerly participate in a debate with me, unlike my Republican opponents who refuse to debate me. I'm running for Congress because Jaime Herrera Buetler is a member of the ruling class, from all of the assaults on our sovereignty that we are experiencing, from the tyrannical vaccine mask mandates and mask mandates, to destroying small businesses and our precious natural resources industry in favor of major corporations, to the wave of crime, drugs and the carnage coming from our open southern border, to the indoctrination of our children in the classrooms. And now Jaime Herrera Buetler is supporting the blind march towards another reckless war because she is in on the scam. She is a corporatist globalist who will not defend us from the onslaught that's destroying our nation. I know what it's like to be on the receiving end of hostile fire and failed policy. I know what it takes to put our nation first. And I'm eager to lead the fight against the failed establishment and unify our district under a common love of our nation. Thank you very much. And God bless.

Lars: You bet. Stick around from a moment. Brent Hennrich, who's a husband, father, former project manager, cinema executive, and seeking the 3rd congressional district seat, what do you want to tell my audience about why they should vote you into Congress?

Brent: Well, thank you again for having me on for a second debate with Joe, and thank you Joe for the conversation today.

The one thing Joe and I both agree on is Jaime Herrera Buetler is not serving the people of Washington's 3rd, and it's time that she needs to be replaced.

We need a leader that represents Washington's 3rd. I believe I am that leader. The people of the 3rd have long been neglected and it's time for that to change. We need to unite together to remove Jamie from this seat.

We need to make sure the 3rd's voice is being heard. And I promise to not only hear it, but advocate for every person in Washington's 3rd. I can't do it without you. So please join me. Learn more about my campaign and movement at BrentHennrich.com. As I like to say, let's heal Washington.

Lars: Brent, we've got just a moment. And I'd love the opportunity. So I'm going to ask you a quick question. I'm going to ask Joe as well. Maybe 30 seconds.

Joe Biden introduced a number of Federal vaccine mandates. The same thing was done at the local level, but you're running for congress. Do you think it was ever appropriate for the federal government to impose vaccine mandates? And why?

Brent: Yes, I do believe that vaccine mandates are acceptable. The Supreme Court has upheld that multiple times. And especially for the military for force readiness issues, service

members need to be ready to deploy, and not have the error hanging over them that sickness is going to possibly impact America's military strength.

Lars: Alright Joe, what would you say to vaccine mandates from the federal level? And by the way, to correct Brent, most of the vaccine mandates imposed by Joe Biden were thrown out by the courts. One survived. Were they ever appropriate?

Joe: I would say they were never appropriate, and we will never tolerate them again. And any Republican who didn't stand in the breach and defend us from the vaccine mandates and voted for things like the vaccine tracking database like Jaime Herrera Buetler did, needs to be cast out because they cannot defend us any longer. They are completely and totally unconstitutional and just immoral. The government will bring back Covid. They will bring back these mandates. They have the budget for it. They've seen that it can be effective. So people need to not forget what was done to us and who did not defend us. So never again with the vaccine mandates.

Lars: Gentlemen, I look forward to talking to both of both of you again when I get the chance. And I appreciate you both coming on the program. That's Joe Kent, the Republican, Brent Hennrich, who is the Democratic party member running for the 3rd congressional district. And what we all agree on -- Jaime Herrera Buetler has to go.

You got the Lars Larson Show.