

2020 Legislative Candidate Questionnaire for Developmental Disabilities

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District: 25th

Position: State Senate

1. If you have a personal connection or professional experience with someone who has a developmental disability, would you describe its impact on you?

I think awareness is key to understanding. As an Army Officer, many of my Soldiers through the years had dependent children with developmental disabilities. Communication of the specific needs is always crucial. This is especially important regarding educational opportunities for students with developmental disabilities.

2. What are your top three legislative priorities and how would you help people with developmental disabilities in them?

Economic and social recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, ensuring the budget matches priorities of our state, reducing fear and panic and bringing some political peace to my district and our state.

The two main issues I've encountered regarding people with developmental disabilities are sub-minimum wages/ opportunities to work and be productive and special needs funding for our schools.

3. With the current economic crisis, how would you protect services that people with I/DD and their families need?

This is a matter of priority. I believe the budget should be a reflection of our shared priorities. I believe people are always at the top of the priority list. People with special needs and those with disabilities should then be prioritized ahead of others who are more self-capable. We are a benevolent society. Our priorities should reflect that benevolence.

4. Is there other information you'd like constituents with developmental disabilities and their family and friends to know?

Always- always feel free to contact my office. I am glad to meet with you, listen to your concerns, and become better educated in the issues regarding policy for individuals with developmental disabilities.



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