

2020 Legislative Candidate Questionnaire for Developmental Disabilities

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District: 4

Position: Representative, Position 1

- 1. If you have a personal connection or professional experience with someone who has a developmental disability, would you describe its impact on you?*
- 2. What are your top three legislative priorities and how would you help people with developmental disabilities in them?*
- 3. With the current economic crisis, how would you protect services that people with I/DD and their families need?*
- 4. Is there other information you'd like constituents with developmental disabilities and their family and friends to know?*

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This is Representative Bob McCaslin calling. I'm calling you on my personal phone which is 509-984-9836 and I just wanted to better answer questions verbally if that's okay.

So, as to the first question you asked in your nice email, I keep in touch with all the special needs kids that I've had in the past and their parents from when I was a public school teacher. And it's been wonderful to be able to continue to keep in touch and see how they're doing and that really affects my job in a big way.

As far as my priorities, I want to make sure that developmental disabilities is not reducing services and that people with developmental disabilities have a voice. Number one, with me, in the state legislature and number two, with state agencies.

Being on the Human Services & Early Learning committee makes me uniquely in touch with those people. And I also want to make sure that people with developmental disabilities are sure that they'll get help, especially when it comes to employment, job coaches and that they are able to keep doing that.

We've consistently kept in touch with people and families who contact our office and there aren't any one size fits all solutions. And, you can help me by just keeping in touch with my office and with me. I would appreciate that.

So there's the answers to your questions. I appreciate the opportunity to respond and I hope you're doing well hope you're healthy and safe.

Take care. Bye bye.

Representative Bob McCaslin