

## 2020 Congressional Candidate Questionnaire for Developmental Disabilities

Name: Suzan DelBene

District: WA-01

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

While I do not have any personal experience working with someone who has a developmental disability, it is one of my priorities in Congress to fight for legislation that creates a more accessible and inclusive society for all Americans with disabilities.

**2. Will you advocate to keep the items listed below for people with DD in HR 6800 as passed the House?**

Yes. These provisions included in the Heroes Act (H.R. 6800) will provide critical support to Americans living with disabilities and aid our health care system and frontline workers.

HR 6800 (HEROES Act - Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions Act) contains

- expanding home and community-based services;
- paid time off for family caregivers, including grandparents and siblings of people with disabilities;
- ensuring stability of SNAP for food assistance and Supplemental Security Income;
- fund direct support professionals to care for adult loved ones with disabilities at home and;
- eliminating cost sharing for Medicaid beneficiaries (learn more by [clicking here](#)).

**3. Do you support HR 2417 (HEADS UP Act), HR 4882 (Community Safety Act of 2019) and HR 1529 (MAPSA Act - Marriage Access for People with Special Abilities Act)? If not, why?**

Yes

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

Today, too many families are suffering from the same financial instability my family felt. That's why I'm fighting to give everyone the opportunity to succeed.

We need to expand economic opportunity. I'm fighting to raise the minimum wage, ensure workers have paid sick leave, and close the wage gap once and for all. I have a proven track record of getting beyond the partisan bickering and successfully working on issues important to First District voters - things like addressing the opioid crisis, protecting healthcare, boosting medical research funding, creating an innovative pilot program to help those on nutrition assistance become self-sufficient while receiving help and supporting vital job training and apprenticeship programs.

I know what it will take to ensure that our nation and this region lead in creating high-wage 21st century jobs—great educational opportunities for our children and ongoing training for adults; a financial system that is fair, strong, and transparent; incentives that foster research, innovation, and entrepreneurship; and a health care system that works for everyone.

Working together, we can build an economy that works and expands opportunity for all.