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**House District 10 Position 1**

***Do you have a personal connection or professional experience with someone who has an intellectual/developmental disability? (I/DD) If so would you describe its impact on you? How would it affect you in this job?***

N/A

***What are your top three priorities and how would you ensure people with developmental disabilities and their families are included in them?***

1. Political polarization and divisiveness. Find the goodness within all of us, and move forward with kindness and caring.
2. The fragility of our democracy. Empower voters' voices and find commonality.
3. A feeling of hopelessness in America. Provide meaning and purpose for our students (i.e. career and technical education), lower cost of living for struggling families, protect our environment, public safety, and more.

***Washington is 38th in the Nation for per-capita spending for individuals with I/DD. Would improving this statistic be a priority for you, and if so, what would your strategy be?***

This is definitely a priority - we work closely with Arlington's Village Community Services and got funding for affordable housing and rate increase. My strategy includes advocating for increased state budget allocations, seeking federal grants, sponsoring relevant legislation, and enhancing service delivery efficiency.

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

I've learned that it takes enormous effort, time, and advocacy to pass a bill through the legislative process. Democracy works because good ideas take time, and bad ideas die quickly. The reality is that the legislature passes only a fraction of the bills that members introduce. And of those bills,

many take years—even decades—to pass. Oftentimes, advocacy groups travel to Olympia year-after-year to make incremental progress towards bill passage.

Pushing legislation through the process is much more difficult than most of us think—even when a bill isn't controversial. And this process slows down even more during a short legislative session.

That's why I need your voice, advocacy, and involvement in our political process. That's how things work – hearing from you and serving you and our communities.