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House District 3 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?

Yes, I sell Medicare and work with many clients that have I/DD Most live in supportive group homes. These homes take 75% of their income and they dont have anything left. They try to live normal lives or the best they can.

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

Cost of living in WA is too high. Gas is not affordable, and we do not have affordable housing. I will work to repeal that CO2 tax on gas that has charged an additional .43 per gallon last year. WA is 28% higher than the rest of the country in gasoline. Housing is not affordable because of heavy regulations. How can people with low income and I/DD be able to afford housing. Public Safety is a priority for all.

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?

Washington has the highest taxes in the country and has a surplus. We need to fund public safety and I believe we need sunset clauses on all expenditures. If the metrics aren't positive then we take those funds and apply to other organizations like I/DD.

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

I have strong morals and will bring forth legislation that will help those in need.