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**House District 4 Position 2**

***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?***

My mother always referred to those who were challenged as, "God's special people" and that is how I have viewed these most special people my whole life.

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

Affordable housing, healthcare, and working to regain trust in elected officials by working collaboratively to improve the lives of people living in Eastern Washington.

***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?***

I think that is a worthy goal, and I would like to speak with other representatives to see what we could do to increase this support.

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

I believe our nation is under attack from a dangerous, far right, un-American party that has and is subverting the rule of law in order to enrich themselves and install a regressive authoritarian form of government. Constant attacks on American institutions like the CDC, the FBI, the DOJ, as well as on public education, vaccines, our elections, the media, and certainly our constitutional rights, like the right of a woman to have bodily autonomy and receive healthcare without government oversight. I want to speak out and continually urge everyone this year to vote democratic and emphatically prove that hate, threats and violence have no place in our political system or in our communities.