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***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 cousin has a developmental disability, while I myself am visually impaired. I have a strong connection to the disabled community, both in my personal and professional life. As a member of the GCDE, I am committed to being a passionate advocate for all matters that impact the disabled community.

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

**Education:** Our community should prioritize the empowerment of individuals with developmental and physical disabilities by granting them the freedom to choose their educational path. This could involve options such as specialized classrooms or inclusive settings with the necessary support to ensure their academic achievements.

**Housing:** Ensuring sufficient housing for every individual in our society is my utmost priority. With the campaign slogan "everyone's future matters," I genuinely emphasize the significance of this commitment. I firmly believe that our society thrives when each member can lead their best life according to their own terms, and this begins with providing them with safe and stable housing options.

**Environment:** I am committed to promoting a safe and healthy environment for every individual in our society. By ensuring a pollution-free environment, we can provide the optimal conditions for all members to lead a good and healthy life.

**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?**

Yes, Currently, I am eager to collaborate with industry experts to identify the areas that require resource allocation for enhancing this metric. Personally, I am disheartened to discover that Washington state is significantly lagging behind other regions in terms of supporting individuals with developmental disabilities.

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

I am legally Blind. I am a member of the Governor's Committee for Disability Issues and Employment for Washington State, and I participate in the legislative subcommittee. I am striving to revive the Spokane County accessible communities advisory panel, which currently lacks members. Advocating for the disabled community in Eastern Washington is my primary focus.