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House District 9 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?

As a physician I cared for patients with intellectual/developmental disabilities. As a parent, one of my adult children developed physical disabilities related to chronic pain.

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

I will protect rural health, which includes improving access to rural patients with intellectual/developmental disabilities. I am committed to helping to improve access to mental health services which are needed by many in our community, including patients with intellectual/developmental disabilities. I will also promote disability rights in general.

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?

If elected, I am somewhat likely to be placed on the House Healthcare Committee as a physician. In that capacity, I will seek to ensure that I/DD spending is optimized and am open to suggestions on how best to meet those needs.

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

I believe that learned experience is a vital part of policy development. As your representative, I will work with individuals with I/DD and their families to ensure your voices are heard. My medical-legal (MD, JD) background helps make me an informed advocate. I can speak the language, so to speak. I have committed my professional career to helping others. I hope that you will let me be your voice now to ensure meaningful changes.

