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**House district 5 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?***

Throughout my life, I have known many people with intellectual/developmental disabilities, some of them I would consider dear friends. In my time as a State Representative for the 47th District (I am not redistricted into the 5th), I attended multiple ARC events and learned so much more. I have spent several years on the board of Terry Home which provides housing for those who have suffered traumatic brain injuries. While different, this experience has given me further insight into the needs of those with intellectual/developmental disabilities.

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

Affordability - All Washingtonians are suffering from government policies that make it more expensive to live, those with developmental disabilities included. Public Safety - With the current rate of crime, we are all feeling less safe, especially the most vulnerable among us. Education - Our children deserve better educations than they are currently receiving, including those with disabilities.

***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?***

We need to change the priorities of spending in our state budget. Since it has more than doubled in recent years, but we are 38th in the nation for I/DD, our priorities are out of line.

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

You can call me anytime