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## Senate District 22

***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?***

I have met many people with developmental disabilities in my work as a councilmember and legislator. These experiences have influenced my perspective about the challenges people with disabilities face and it drives me to create a more equitable system.

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

During my time in the legislature, we've worked together to solve our state's greatest challenges: fair and sustainable tax reform, equitable healthcare for all, protecting our environment, and addressing our housing crisis. From fighting for a fairer tax system, funding relief for working families by investing in the Working Families Tax Credit, passing the Clean Fuel Standard, protecting tenants during the pandemic, and creating more affordable housing - I've worked to create a better future for Washington.

During my next term, I am committed to fighting for abundant and affordable housing, progressive tax reform, and creating a robust healthcare workforce. Working Washingtonians are being priced out of their communities by exorbitant home and rent prices caused by a severe housing shortage. In 2023, I introduced HB 1110, which created statewide zoning reform to create home types available for people of different incomes. In 2021, we passed the capital gains excise tax to ensure an equitable and sustainable revenue source for vital services like education. In 2025, we need to pass a wealth tax to continue our commitment to fair tax reform. Our healthcare workforce shortage impacts every healthcare sector, from long-term care to behavioral health providers, to our nursing staffing shortage. We must focus on recruitment, retention, and working conditions that support healthcare staff.

***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?***

Absolutely. I believe our budget is a reflection of our values and I have worked to ensure our state generates the progressive revenue required to invest in our priorities and ensure that every Washingtonian has the ability to reach their full potential. I would be interested to know from your organization and supporters about specific places our spending for individuals with I/DD has fallen short and work together to ensure equitable investments of resources.

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

I am committed to ensuring no one is left out or left behind. I look forward to working with you to create a more just, equitable and healthy future for Washington.