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2026 Congressional Candidate Survey

*Questions for Congressional Candidates — The Arc of Washington
The Community Advocacy Coalition for Developmental Disabilities*

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1. Do you have a personal connection or professional experience with someone who has an intellectual/developmental disability? (I/DD) If yes, would you describe its impact on you and your candidacy? If not, what have you learned about people with intellectual or developmental disabilities and how has it impacted your candidacy?

Yes. I wish to be concerned with their wellbeing.

2. What policies and systems are you aware of that impact the lives of people with IDD and their families? If elected, what responsibility would you have to change those policies or systems?

I would advocate for changes as presented to me that make sense.

3. If elected, what are your top three priorities, and how would people with IDD and their families benefit from each priority?

My priority with regards to this issue is to promote prosperity in the Third District. I would hope to be able to help out those less fortunate as best as possible

4. When you have questions about how to best support people with IDD and their families, what or who are your trusted resources?

I do not have a source now, but I will have reliable and thoughtful people to advise.

5. Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) are Medicaid services that are essential for individuals with IDD. They provide support for daily living (such as bathing, dressing, eating, and managing medication), having a job, accessing the community, and giving families a break from providing 24/7 care. Currently HCBS services are optional but nursing home services are an entitlement. The average US cost per year for a nursing home is \$111,000, compared to \$17,000 to provide in-home supports. Currently, HCBS services are under threat because of the HRI cuts to Medicaid. Many states have years-long waiting lists for HCBS services. Do you support strengthening Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) and making them an entitlement? Why or why not?

I cannot answer without deliberative research and reasoning, but it sounds good so far.

6. People with IDD frequently rely on The Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program as their basic source of income. SSI has not been updated since 1984. Currently, individuals on SSI will lose their benefits if they have assets of more than \$2000 (Excluding their home and care) and married couples can only have \$3000. This creates a disincentive for individuals with IDD to marry. Do you support raising the asset limit, and eliminating the "marriage penalty" for recipients of SSI? Why or why not?

I cannot answer without researching this topic.

7. Is there any other information you'd like constituents with intellectual or developmental disabilities and their family and friends to know?

I care.