

2022 Legislative Candidate Questionnaire



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16

Position (Representative or Senator)

Representative

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1. Do you have a personal connection or professional experience with someone who has a intellectual/developmental disability (IDD), and if so, would you describe its impact on you? If not, what impact do you want to have for people with IDD and their families?

My partner's brother has autism and will need life long support. We will likely take over his full time responsibility as his mother ages. Carson is so sweet and so wants to contribute to the world in his own way. We have arranged volunteer work that fits with his capabilities and we take him to his "job" twice weekly. He views the world in such a wonderfully pure way. He comes over for dinner regularly, and I get a good laugh out of the brutally honest way he will tell me whether the meal was to his liking.

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

Our region needs to focus on economic development, housing, and environmental policy. I'm very concerned that the demographics of our area show a trend of young families unable to find suitable employment and access to housing. Good economic policy should lift us all, and that includes creating opportunities for persons with developmental disabilities. Housing is of particular importance here, as many families struggle with how to support their children with disabilities after they have reached an age where they can no longer provide care. I am very aware of these concerns and want to do my part.

3. If cuts became necessary due to a recession or economic downturn, how would you protect services that people with IDD and their families need?

You can judge the greatness of a culture by how it treats its most disadvantaged members. During a time of economic downturn is exactly the moment that government needs to step up the most to lift up those who are affected.

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

I welcome and invite dialog on the needs of those with developmental disabilities so that I can be a better ally and advocate.

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<https://www.electjeffstrickler.com>