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**District:**

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**Title And Position Number You Are Seeking:**

State Legislator, Position 1

**1. Are you an incumbent?**

No.

**2. If yes, what policy or budget item that supports people with disabilities who are employed or seeking employment are you most proud of advancing during your tenure?**

not an incumbent

**3. If you are not an incumbent, what will you do to support individuals with disabilities find and keep jobs and contribute to our economy?**

I will champion policies that remove barriers to participation in the workforce, privatize and de-regulate the economy to allow for economic growth, and re-focus government spending on programs with demonstrated results. I will also strengthen private property rights to allow for the development of more affordable housing.

**4. Do you personally know anyone with an intellectual/developmental disability? I/DD includes people who have cognitive disabilities such as Down syndrome, Autism, Cerebral Palsy, etcetera.**

I have a nephew with MD.

**5. Have you ever worked alongside anyone with a developmental or intellectual disability?**

yes

**6. Nearly 80% of people with a developmental disability are not employed or are underemployed. What can you do in your role to address this issue?**

We want an economy so strong that the pull to participate reaches everyone. In my role as state legislator, I will encourage entrepreneurship in local communities, reduce barriers to entry and participation in the labor market, and be an advocate for the disabled.

**7. Many people with developmental and intellectual disabilities who do work are worried about losing critical lifeline benefits such as medical care and social security because of earnings. Will you commit to working with CEA and other stakeholders to bridge this gap in coverage for people who want to work?**

I am horrified by the idea of people being trapped in a cycle of dependence that discourages them from (or punishes them for) finding meaningful work. I would be happy to be part of a dialogue about how we could address this issue, preferably in partnership with the Federal Government.

**8. It is estimated that 12,560 people with developmental disabilities receive NO paid services from the Developmental Disabilities Administration. If you are elected, what will you do to ensure services for all?**

I'd like to understand this data/estimate a lot better before I try to give a response, but I can say

without hesitation that I am in favor of a full performance based audit of this kind of program to ensure that results are being produced.

**9. If elected and during your campaign, will you commit to meeting with businesses in your community and across the state who have benefited from having a diverse work force which benefits their bottom line?**

Yes.

**10. Community Employment Alliance members work hard every day to secure and retain competitive employment, increased wages, benefits and job training for people with disabilities. The impact of community employment on individuals and families is substantial. During your campaign, will you commit to meeting with families whose sons and daughters have benefited from employment services and hear their stories of inclusion, autonomy, and independence?**

Yes.

**11. Is there any other information pertaining to this topic that you would like your constituents with developmental disabilities, their friends and their family members, to know about you?**

You can find me on Facebook @ndeily41st.

**12. Do you have any questions about people with intellectual and developmental disabilities that we can help you with?**

I am confident that I could learn and understand a lot more about people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and appreciate the opportunity to be part of a dialogue.

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