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District:

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Title And Position Number You Are Seeking:

State Representative

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?

N/A

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?

All that I can. I see many companies already employing people with disabilities and will do all I can to fully support these efforts.

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 know parents with children who have developmental disabilities.

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

I volunteered at our high school on several occasions in a class room with students who had various disabilities.

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?

I can use my office to help increase education on the benefits of employing people with developmental disabilities.

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?

Yes I will!

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 would like to meet with your organization to discuss the reasons why this is occurring and listen to your suggestions on how to correct it.

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, I will.

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?

I look forward to these meetings, please contact me to set up a time.

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?

I am a husband and father. My wife and I raise Angus cattle on our ranch in Chattaroy. I work at Kaiser Aluminum.

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

I hope to learn more about the issues that face people with disabilities and I am sure I will have many questions when we meet and talk.

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