



2018 Pennsylvania CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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Running For: US Senate

District: Pennsylvania 3rd District

Party Affiliation: Libertarian

Charitable nonprofits include groups like food banks, Habitat for Humanity, YMCAs, religious institutions, hospitals, museums, libraries, child care centers, and many more. What has been your personal experience with nonprofits (ex: as a board member, employee, volunteer, or donor)? How do these experiences shape your policy positions?

I value volunteerism and am a co-founder of the former Little Angels Foundation. I tirelessly worked to fulfill the mission of helping children with life-threatening illnesses. I am now on the Board of Directors for the Goodwill of Delaware and Delaware County, working toward the group's stated goal of "helping people overcome barriers to self-sufficiently work."

As a former business owner and councilman, I volunteered for communities, recreation departments, and area fire and police departments. I also put in time with both the Chester County Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) and Justice Rescue, the latter of which worked to restore power to a barn used to train animals that needed a home. Throughout my career and life, I have volunteered and promoted philanthropy, which is a key motivator in my Libertarian philosophy.

What is your position on the following issues that affect charitable nonprofits:

Do you support or oppose the repeal of the Johnson Amendment (preventing nonprofits from participating in candidate endorsement and campaign financing)?

I oppose the Johnson Amendment, as it is an infringement upon the First Amendment free speech rights of non-profit organizations.

Do you support or oppose a universal charitable deduction, allowing all Americans to deduct their charitable gifts?

I support any measure which would allow for Americans to pay less of their hard-earned money in taxes. If a universal charitable deduction were presented on the Senate floor, I would gladly support it.

Do you support or oppose the continuation of the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program, allowing public sector employees to have their loans forgiven after 10 years of consecutive payment and fulltime work in the public sector?

The student loan crisis needs to be addressed immediately to ensure that people are not indebted for life. In the interim, I support the continuation of the forgiveness program.

Do you support or oppose including a citizenship question on the 2020 census?

As it stands, the Census infringes on privacy far too much. I would oppose the inclusion of a citizenship question on the next census.

Do you support or oppose repeal of new unrelated business income tax (UBIT) on parking and transportation benefits offered by nonprofits?

I support the repeal of the UBIT, and any other new taxes which might be proposed.

Additional comments about tax policies that affect nonprofits:

Nonprofits provide more than 700,000 jobs in Pennsylvania (15% of the state's workforce). What policies would you propose to promote continued job growth for private employers, including both nonprofit and for-profit business?

I would reduce the regulations and bureaucracy which surround businesses so that they have the most leeway to engage in new hiring.

If elected, what would be your top three policy priorities?

1. End the failed War on Drugs and opioid epidemic by reminding lawmakers that Addiction is Not a Crime. We must transition to a system like in Portugal or Switzerland, where addiction is treated like a medical rather than a criminal issue.
2. Return decisions on education to our students, parents, and local communities rather than bureaucrats in Washington. Education is perhaps the most important decision any family can make, and for too long, government has consumed billions of tax dollars without any progress to show for it. We deserve more choice, competition, and accountability in our schooling, and it starts by taking power back from lobbyists and special interests.
3. Fundamentally transform our immigration system in order to make it easier to immigrate legally. As it stands now, it can take decades to legally come into the United States. So many want to come to our country to improve the lives of themselves and their families while contributing to our economy. Immigrants have always been the builders of greatness in our nation. We must also abolish ICE to bring that agency's reign of terror to an end, and welcome immigrants with open arms.