

2018 Pennsylvania CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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Running For: PA State Legislator

District: 84

Party Affiliation: Democratic

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 served as a volunteer at several foods and coordinated with many non-profits while serving as Southeast Disaster Coordinator for the USPS. I firmly believe in community service and taking care of our friends and neighbors. Many non-profits fill these needs by educating and helping citizens within their area.

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

Do you support preserving state and local sales and real-estate tax exemptions for charitable nonprofits?

I support preserving state and local real estate tax exemptions for charitable nonprofits.

Do you believe that nonprofits should be required to provide Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOTS) or Services in Lieu of Taxes (SILOTS)?

NO, I do not support PILOTS or SILOTS.

Would you support additional state tax revenues dedicated to fund nonprofits providing contracted government health and human services?

If the funding is available, I would support giving additional funds.

Additional comments about tax policies that affect nonprofits:

Nonprofits provide more than 720,000 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?

Much work needs to be done to make the budget and tax system in Pennsylvania fairer for everyone. The lowest income earners have the largest burden for the taxes (approximately 12%) while the top 1% pays approximately 4.2%. We also have a huge problem with our corporate tax rate which is 9.9% or the second highest in the country. If we reduce the corporate tax to a more reasonable rate like 6.6% and remove the loopholes that large corporations are using to skip out on their share of taxes. We could generate more revenue to expand and create local businesses. This would have everyone pay their fair share.

Would you favor legislation that would reduce the likelihood of a budget impasse in future years? If so, what type of legislation?

Yes. One legislation I would like to see is that if the budget does not pass on time that our Legislators and Senators would not get paid.

Would you support regulatory changes that increase efficiencies and nonprofit-government partnerships. (Proposed regulatory changes could include reducing redundancies across state agencies - e.g. common pre-award processes, budget templates, use of a single audit, reporting template and central depository vault)?

Yes, I would support these changes.

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

Public Education, Healthcare and generating revenue.