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Candidate name

Catherine Miller

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Office running for (governor, PA House, PA Senate)

PA House

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District

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Party affiliation

Democratic

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How have you or someone close to you benefited from nonprofit services?*Nonprofits include groups like food banks, Habitat for Humanity, YMCAs, religious institutions, museums, libraries, childcare centers.

ABSOLUTELY. While we all benefit from museums, libraries, etc, I have been heavily involved with Domestic Violence Intervention and Habitat for Humanity, and have seen the positive impact that services like those have on our community.

Q6

Nonprofits not only provide mandated services on behalf of state and federal government, but they positively contribute to the Commonwealth (providing 15% or 807,000 jobs), and by bringing in revenue from outside the state. What policies do you propose to promote continued job growth for nonprofit employers so they can continue addressing community needs?

As a result of my being on the board of directors for three non-profits in Lebanon County, I understand how crucial it is for elected officials to have open communication with, and availability for local non-profits to ensure that they have proper funding through grants and to also find all available monies to help them maintain their services to the public. When these non-profits are funded adequately, we can ensure that not only do we create more jobs but we also continue to address the needs of the community.

Q7

Would you support increases in reimbursement rates* for nonprofits providing contracted government health and human services? If not, please explain why.*Some rates have not been increased for over a decade.

When I am elected, I would ensure that reimbursement rates would increase for nonprofits providing contracted government health and human services.

Q8

87% of nonprofits were negatively impacted by the pandemic - and continued to provide services to those most vulnerable. The state has yet to designate funding to support our work. Given the likelihood of a looming recession, what policies do you support to ensure financial support to these nonprofits so critical to your work?

All of the boards that I serve on have realized the devastating impact that the pandemic has had on our finances. Currently, there is over \$200,000,000 sitting in the Legislative "Slush Fund". This money needs to be disbursed throughout the non-profits and other resources that the COVID rescue money was originally intended for.

Q9

Many nonprofits were created to address inequities in policy or programs.* If elected, how would you go about identifying and addressing these inequities?*Examples: Food banks exist to serve those who live in food deserts or have other limited access to food. Suicide hotlines exist to serve those who have no where else to turn when life no longer seems worth living.

I have made it a priority during my campaign to be open, available, and transparent to the constituents of my district, and have also prioritized listening rather than being a political talking head. The only way we can ensure that the inequities in policies and programs are addressed, is understanding the needs of the community at the very basic level. My involvement with these different Non-profits has also helped me learn about where the needs are and how they can be met.

Q10

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

My top three priorities are assisting our aging population with by expanding medicaid coverage, focusing on passing fair funding for schools, and ensuring that children's needs are being met both in the classroom and at home (Affordable healthcare, social services, affordable childcare, and finally, ending the partisan political gridlock, which for the last decade has prevented legislation from being passed in the general assembly. It's time to roll up our sleeves, put our differences aside, and start working together for the people of the 101st.
