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## **Q1**

Candidate name

Doug Mason

## Q2

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

PA House

## Q3

District

District 50

## **Q4**

Party affiliation

Democrat

## Q5

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.

I am a band teacher. Often I have low-income students that need a little help, I have called upon nonprofit organizations in my area to help these students. Without these organizations, these students would not be able to have the same opportunities as the other students.

## 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?

I would like to work to create a program that would make it more advantageous for entities for profit to donate to nonprofits. I believe that nonprofits need help to help others. I also believe that for-profit entities can and should do more to help nonprofit organizations.

## 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.

I would support anything that would help nonprofits.

## **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?

I would support any legislation that provides resources and support for nonprofits during good times and bad.

## 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 would fight to support these organizations by making available public facilities for use. I also would fight to financially help these organizations that are so vital to our people.

## Q10

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

1) Addressing educational inequity between poverty-stressed districts and affluent districts. I would work to find a better way to fund education by replacing the antiquated system of property taxes.

2) I would fight to bring jobs back to the district that have been lost. Jobs that can adequately support a family.

3) I will fight to maintain and increase the resources available to the district. This would include the nonprofit organizations as well as the legislative offices. I want to ensure that help is available, accessible, and supported.