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Candidate name

Emily Kinkead

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

PA House

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District

District 20

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Party affiliation

Democrat

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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.

Before I went to law school, my entire career consisted of working for various non-profits. I worked for a community for people with developmental disabilities, L'Arche, and it was a life-changing experience. The community centered the people with disabilities and we all lived and shared life together. It erased the stigmas that I had about people with disabilities and helped me to become a more compassionate and understanding person. The stories like mine of people whose lives have been changed by interacting with the great work of non-profits whether as employees, clients, or volunteers just go on and on.

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 believe that we can do more to support non-profit employees with programs at the state level that can provide student debt relief and pathways to homeownership, among others, to encourage more folks to work in the non-profit sector without being pressured into taking private sector jobs to make ends meet.

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.

Yes, depending on the purpose - reimbursement rates should be tied to inflation to ensure they keep up with expenses.

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?

Harrisburg has the unique opportunity to direct billions of dollars of federal funds to where it can best serve our economy. Investments in nonprofits and the work they do should be a priority for this money. We have a robust rainy day fund and we need to make sure that at least some of those funds are used to help keep our non-profit industry afloat should private donations dwindle.

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 founded my work in Harrisburg on sponsoring legislation to dispel inequities in our policies and support those that are doing the work to make up for them. I will continue to support programs that do so. I have worked with stakeholders who have helped me identify unmet needs and will continue to reach out to learn all that I can in order to connect needs with resources.

Q10

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

My priorities are and will continue to be criminal justice reform, ending gun violence, and growing the economy. I supported community bail funds when the GOP tried to eviscerate them. This is both a racial justice and income inequality issue. I have pushed back against permitless concealed carry and preemption of local common sense gun laws. I have brought back more than \$16 million to my district and I will continue work toward passing legislation that addresses these issues. I have developed a bipartisan reputation as someone who is thoughtful, a competent legislator, and works hard. I will continue to push my bill HB 1054, which would establish an insurance and low-cost grants program for homeowners who have been impacted by landslides.
