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Candidate name

Jill Dennin

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

PA Senate

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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.

There are too many experiences where I or someone close to me has benefitted from the services of a non profit. One particular person I know benefitted from the pantry services at the Boyertown Area Multi Service when her husband went into rehabilitation for alcoholism.

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 introduce legislation that requires that all employees of a non profit be paid the adjusted minimum wage for the area they live in. In addition, I would encourage loan forgiveness and grants for students who choose a profession in social services or a non profit organization.

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

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?

First I would introduce legislation designating some of the state's surplus for grants to food banks and housing services in addition to other vital services provided through government mandated programs. Post pandemic some of these non profits are still struggling to meet the needs of the communities they serve.

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.

Through my experience as a volunteer for and board member of a local food bank, I would encourage grants for education programs in financial literacy and help with job opportunities. In addition I would support grants for community gardens that provide fresh fruits and vegetables while also providing educational opportunities.

Q10

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

Ensure fair and equitable education funding.

Support businesses and non profits recover from the pandemic.

Invest in our infrastructure including storm water maintenance and broad band.
