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Candidate name

Jim Massey

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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

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.

My late wife Madelyn was a public librarian for years, and my boys and I benefited greatly from all of the resources that the local libraries have to offer. My good friend John has utilized local food banks in order to have enough food. Cultural activities, including museums across the state of PA, have always been a large part of my family's life. We see the importance of maintaining and supporting all of the institutions in Central PA and across the entire state!

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?

Supporting tax and other incentives at the state level that encourage individuals to volunteer their time and contribute money to the missions of charitable nonprofits. Opposing the imposition of taxes on tax-exempt organizations, unreasonable fees, or involuntary fees or payments in lieu of taxes. Expanding nonprofit sector exemptions from paying state and local property, sales, and use taxes and from collecting sales and use taxes. Supporting the federal policy limiting the ability to receive tax-deductible charitable donations only to tax-exempt organizations that refrain from participating in or intervening in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Adopting policies that provide access to high quality and affordable health coverage and promote cost savings and increased flexibility.

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?

Providing employee hiring and retention credits, expansion of student loan forgiveness programs for individuals working at charitable nonprofits and other entities devoted to public service, improved incentives to promote giving to support the work of charitable organizations and reforms to government grantmaking and contracts to ensure full employment costs are covered. Collaboration between state and local governments and nonprofit contractors and grantees to ensure full and fair implementation at the state and local levels of the cost principles and other federal grants reforms contained in the Office of Management and Budget Uniform Guidance, adoption of a uniform system based on the federal cost principles and reforms in the Uniform Guidance, and elimination from state statutes and local ordinances arbitrary caps on reimbursement of nonprofit indirect, administrative, or overhead costs, or other unreasonable and burdensome statutory or procedural requirements 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.

Making budget and spending decisions for the state of PA that encourage diversity, equity, and inclusion to build stronger, fairer communities and close resource gaps for marginalized people. Opposing the offloading of government services onto nonprofits without paying nonprofits the cost of providing these services.

Q10

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

Education, improving economy, and abortion/reproductive rights
