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**Q1**

Candidate name

Tarah Probst

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**Q2**

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

PA House

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**Q3**

District

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**Q4**

Party affiliation

Democrat

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**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.

The YMCA and libraries. I basically grew up in the YMCA, playing sports, swimming, etc... My mom was a single mom and a waitress, so this had a huge impact on my life as a true community center.

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**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?

Living wages needs to be a part of this process. Too many qualified people would love to work for Non Profits, but the pay is usually below living standards. This needs to change to recruit and retain employees.

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**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

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**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?

When you fund these agencies, you will find your community is healthier, safer and smarter. The investment would pay off in a very short period of time. The same people who don't want to fund these programs, are the same people that love a "pat on the back" when they donate. It is ridiculous and there is no reason to fund these agencies appropriately.

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**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 listen to the experts on the front line and ask them what they need. They are the ones doing the work and I would listen and help.

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**Q10**

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

Protecting a women's right to her body, fair funding for our public schools, which will help reduce our high property taxes and protecting our civil liberties (diversity, access to the ballot, etc...)

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