

# 2022 Legislative Candidate Questionnaire



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## 1. If you have a personal connection or professional experience with someone who has a intellectual/developmental disability (I/DD), would you describe its impact on you?

Throughout my life, I've been focused on policies that support all Americans --including those with intellectual and/or development disabilities and their families. To truly have a nation that is more just, more fair and more inclusive, as Mayor and now as your Congresswoman, I've worked to support policies, like HR 4131, HR 5984 to fully fund IDEA and and others that will help America better support people with I/DD and/or their caretakers and families.

## 2. Home and Community Based Services expansion is a top priority for people with intellectual/developmental disabilities (IDD) and their families. HR 4131/S 2210 will expand HCBS. Will you support or oppose expansion of this critical program? Please explain why.

I was proud to sign on as a cosponsor of this bill led by Reps. Dingell and Pallone. Our country, unfortunately, currently lacks appropriate caregiving infrastructure to fully support American families. Expanding programs and systems that work, like HCBS, helps us build a nation that is more just, more safe and more secure.

## 3. Will you support or oppose HR 4131/S 2065: Updates eligibility for the supplemental security income program and HR 761: Marriage Access for People with Special Abilities Act excludes a spouse's income and resources when determining eligibility for SSI, and disregards marital status when calculating the SSI benefit amount, for an adult who has a diagnosed IDD? Please explain why.

As of right now, I am looking into this piece of legislation as it hasn't yet crossed my desk. I do believe there is need to re-examine SSI eligibility to make sure it is working for our society today. To me, that's part of my role as your Congressperson - to make sure government is working for you and that, collectively, we are working on toward a nation that is more just, more secure and more safe for all Americans, including those with I/DDs and/or their families.

## 4. Do you support or oppose HR 3474/S 1858: Keeping All Students Safe Act - Prohibit and prevent seclusion, mechanical restraint, chemical restraint, and dangerous restraints that restrict breathing, and to prevent and reduce the use of physical restraint in schools? Please explain why.

I've been actively monitoring this bill and know that was re-introduced this Congress and is awaiting action from the Education and Labor Committee. In general principle, I agree that we, as a society, should be more humane in our treatment of all students and should be preventing and prohibiting policies that have been shown to negatively impact a student's well being, development and, in some case, their livelihoods.

## If there is other information you'd like constituents with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their family and friends to know, please share it here.

I appreciate members of the I/DD and their families reaching out to my team and keeping us informed of key federal policy items, especially on the caregiving support front. To truly build a nation that works for all Americans, we in Congress need to hear from you in order to craft and pass policies that create a nation that is more safe, more just and more secure. Thank you.

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