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## Q1

About Candidates

Candidate Name	<b>Jamie DeMent Holcomb</b>
District	<b>NC Senate District 23</b>
Party Affiliation	<b>Democrat</b>
Campaign Website	<b><a href="http://www.jamiefornc.com">www.jamiefornc.com</a></b>

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## Q2

Q1. Please tell us about your personal experiences with nonprofits. These may include experiences with any organizations that have served you and/or fellow residents of your community, or specific nonprofits for which you've served as a board member, staff person, volunteer, or donor. How do these experiences shape your policy positions? (Limit: 300 words)

I have supported and worked with nonprofits in North Carolina my entire life. I'm from a family of public servants and they taught me from an early age that we all have a responsibility to give back. Early in life, I spent time with my family supporting organizations like Meals on Wheels and Habitat for Humanity and have continued that tradition by serving on various nonprofit boards, most recently the Triangle Land Conservancy and Kidzu Children's Museum. My husband and I, through the farm we own, also partner with local nonprofits like Farmer Foodshare every year to raise funds and distribute food in communities where it is most needed. I'm also serving as the Interim Executive Director of Kidzu Children's Museum so understand the issues nonprofits face at an operational level. In order to equitably provide needed services across the State, legislators must work together in non-partisan ways to fund the needs of nonprofits across North Carolina -- in all communities, urban and rural.

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## Q3

Q2. If elected, what would be your top three policy priorities? (Limit: 250 words)

Equity in education access, medical services, and environmental justice. The district I'm running in is a perfect example of lack of equity across all three of those areas -- we must work at a State level to make sure that we are providing needed resources to ALL communities whether they are urban communities in Orange, Wake and Mecklenburg Counties or rural communities in Person, Caswell, and Robeson Counties.

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**Q4**

The Center advocates on public policy issues that affect North Carolina's nonprofit sector and works with the NC General Assembly and North Carolina's members of Congress to develop laws and policies that save nonprofits time and money, help nonprofits operate more effectively, and preserve the public's trust in North Carolina's nonprofit sector. Our policy agenda includes:

- Ensuring that all 501(c)(3) nonprofits are fully exempt from federal, state, and local taxes.
- Promoting new and expanded tax deductions and credits that encourage individuals and businesses to give generously to support their communities through the work of charitable nonprofits.
- Supporting policy solutions that will address the nonprofit workforce shortage, including increased funding to support jobs in the nonprofit sector and investment in accessible and affordable child care.
- Seeking solutions to long-standing challenges that nonprofits face when they provide public services through government grants and contracts, including late contracts, late payments, overly complicated application and reporting requirements, and underpayment for indirect costs.
- Promoting laws that will help nonprofits and businesses alike to provide affordable and high-quality health care and other benefits to their employees.

Q3. If elected, which of these policy goals would you support most enthusiastically, and why? (Limit: 250 words)

Honestly, as a nonprofit executive and longtime supporter of nonprofits, I can't choose just one issue. I have to fight for all of them. People are leaving the nonprofit sector in droves because we don't have the resources to continue running our agencies but even more, we don't have the resources to compete with the public sector. We MUST do more to support nonprofits and nonprofit employees.

Unfortunately, the State and Federal governments do not do enough to support ALL of our citizens so we must lean on nonprofits to offer services where governments fall short. We can't continue to do this if we do not provide adequate resources to the nonprofits that have become the backbone of our social support system.

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