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Q1

About Candidates

Candidate Name	Joe Swartz
District	Congressional District 3
Party Affiliation	Democratic
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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 volunteered with non-profits, received services from them, and helped refer others to non-profit resources. These have ranged from non-profits working on local hunger issues to non-profits that deliver mental health and adoption services to their communities. In general, I've found a really passionate team of individuals in these groups that are motivated by care for their fellow man. They often wear multiple hats, providing not only their core skill set but often working as grant writers, planners, communicators, etc.

Q3

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

My top three policy priorities would be jobs, infrastructure, and healthcare. I'm focused on continuing to support funding for job programs in our district, especially those that get high schoolers credentialed to start work after graduation, as well as community and technical college programs. Infrastructure spending, especially rural broadband, is on my radar. Given the closure of many rural hospitals during a health care crisis, we need to pay special attention to bolstering rural healthcare.

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)

I'm in favor of this entire slate of policies. I am especially excited about advocating we return to an unlimited deduction for charitable contributions, as well as making government processes simpler. It's not a question of more or less government. It's a question of efficient, accessible government. Lightening the administrative load on citizens and non-profits can translate into real benefits.
