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## Q1

About Candidates

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| Candidate Name    | <b>Michael S. Ackerman</b>   |
| District          | <b>5</b>   |
| Party Affiliation | <b>Republican</b>  |
| Campaign Website  | <b><a href="https://www.AckermanForNC.com">https://www.AckermanForNC.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 was a Juvenile Court Counselor and worked with many different non-profits that specifically worked with children and families. I personally believe in the services provided by these different organizations, and support their efforts.

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## Q3

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

Fiscal responsibility within the federal government.  
A balanced federal budget.  
Reducing the size of the federal government.

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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)

Goals 1, 2, and 3. I think by reducing the amount of government red tape regarding the regulations and policies surrounding nonprofits would be very beneficial. Also by encouraging more giving by offering incentives to both the private and business sector would also be very beneficial.

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