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Q1

About Candidates

Candidate Name	Michael Felder
District	10th Congressional District
Party Affiliation	Democrat
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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've volunteered with Manna food bank. Food insecurity for kids in WNC is 1 in 4 not knowing where their next meal will come from. Just knowing that kids out there in our state are hungry really bothers me. In Congress I'd like to work to bring back the free school lunches for all students.

My wife worked for the Autism Society of NC, and I've seen the great work they do in the community. It was great to see adults with autism out in the community working jobs, being independent in ways they normally wouldn't be able to be.

Q3

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

- 1) I would work to bring the Medicaid expansion to the dozen of states that didn't expand it. So many people in our state could benefit from expansion and I think congress needs to push these remaining states to join everyone else.
 - 2) I would like to tie Congressional pay raises to the minimum wage, social security benefits, and entry level military pay. Congress shouldn't be able to raise their pay without raising these wages as well.
 - 3) I would work on lowering taxes for blue collar hard working Americans.
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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)

I support all of these goals, but I'm most enthusiastic about lowering taxes for Americans and keeping non profits fully tax exempt. Expanding tax deductions for charitable contributions is a win for the worker and a win for non profits.
