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)

Non-profit entities are some of the most important stakeholders that help provide what constituents need. Non-profits in our district help provide housing to the unhoused, food to the hungry, and healthcare to the uninsured. Non-profits do the work that they do for the good of the community. I was proud to serve as one of the inaugural board members for the Truth Initiative, where I worked to help our young children stop smoking. The experience showed me the power that a group of talented, caring individuals could have to make a substantial difference in our community.
Q3

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

During my time in Congress, I’ve focused on what I call my ‘Four H’s’: hunger, health, higher education, and housing. I’ve introduced and have successfully advanced legislation in each of those four H’s, and if reelected, I would continue to do so. In hunger, I will continue to fight for my Closing the Meal Gap Act, so that we can facilitate the largest expansion of SNAP in decades during our next Farm Bill- because no one in our great country ever deserves to go to bed hungry. In healthcare, I will continue to work to enact the Momnibus- legislation that would save the lives of Black mothers across our country, who continue to die at rates far higher than other, non-Black moms. In higher education, I will continue to work with my Bipartisan HBCU Caucus to advance legislation that will help HBCUs access capital so they can continue to provide the same high-quality education to hundreds of thousands of students that they have for over a century and a half. In housing, I will introduce legislation to stop corporate landlords from securing single family homes, which has exacerbated our affordable housing crisis.

Q4

The beauty of our policy goals is that they all work in concert with each other. By working to ensure that all Americans have access to affordable, nutritious meals- with legislation like my Closing the Meal Gap Act- we help ensure that everyone can live a long, healthy, productive life. By ensuring that folks have access to a good education, we empower them to make the decisions and get the jobs that will allow them to afford housing and healthcare. By ensuring that everyone has a safe, decent, and affordable place to live, we can help folks stay in school, work, put food on the table, and more. I’m going to continue to fight for my constituents in every way possible.