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- 1. What has been your personal experience with nonprofits as a board member, employee, volunteer, or donor? How do these experiences shape your policy positions? (300 words)**

I have served on numerous boards as a volunteer and given of my time, experience and money. My service to the community through these boards provides a solid understanding of the importance of the work and impact that nonprofits make every day in our state. I believe that many nonprofits are key partners with both the public and private sectors in building a stronger and prosperous state. Many times nonprofits "fill the gap" and are critical part of the overall success or failure of our economy.

- 2. If elected, what would be your top three policy priorities? (250 words)**

If elected, my top policy priorities would be reinvesting in our public schools and teachers, expanding Medicaid to increase access to affordable healthcare, protecting our environment and drinking waters from pollutants like GenX, and create an economy that produces jobs with wages that you can support a family.

- 3. What is your position on these tax issues that affect charitable nonprofits? 5 is strong support, 1 is strong oppose, and there is an unsure box**

- a. Preserving or expanding tax exemption for charitable nonprofits**

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- b. Encouraging individuals and businesses to give generously to nonprofits serving in their communities**

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- c. Please add any additional comments about tax policies that affect nonprofits here (250 words)**

I would consider proposals to expand incentives for charitable giving, such as: 1. Reinstating the state IRA charitable rollover – which allows seniors to donate to nonprofits from their IRAs – on state taxes. 2. Protecting businesses that give to nonprofits by allowing them to take the same deduction for charitable giving on their state taxes as on their federal taxes.

- 4. What policies would you propose to promote continued job growth for private employers including both nonprofit and for-profit employers? (250 words)**

I believe that policies around investing and growing our current and future workforce is critical to job growth. Supporting our public schools, community colleges/universities, and expanding vocational schools would create a talented workforce with a diverse set of skills that can help our county and state become more prosperous.