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Children Matter Action Fund Primary 2022 Survey Results

The Children Matter Action Fund is surveying all candidates for Pennsylvania House and Senate to learn more about their views on issues affecting the lives of children. We invite you to learn more by reviewing their responses below; by contacting their campaigns; and by following them on social media. Let me know your views on the importance of ensuring young children in Pennsylvania get the early education supports they need and deserve.

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You are running for election in which district? House District 4

Q: What are your views on the benefits, or drawbacks, of allocating additional state funds for high-quality pre-k education?

A: Research proves the benefits of pre-k and PA should allocate additional funds to help more families send their younger children to a high quality preschool.

Q: How important, or unimportant, are increased public resources to expand access and affordability to high-quality child care to working families in your district?

A: Very important. Too many families rely on daycare as all parents are working. We should also look into ways to provide these services to parents who work second and third shift.

Q: Should the wages for child care workers and preschool teachers be commensurate with those of other educators with similar qualifications and experience?

A: Yes.

Q: Will you support the expansion of state investment dollars to serve those in your district who can benefit from home visiting?

A: Yes.

Q: In addition to making child care more accessible and affordable, what other policies would you champion to help businesses facing a workforce shortage?

A: Policies to make broadband and healthcare affordable and accessible are some at the top of my priorities list.

Q: What other government resources or policies would you consider for families that are struggling with keeping costs, especially child care, under control?

A: I'm supportive of ways to create more tax revenue in PA that we can use towards funding our schools, educational programming, healthcare services, etc for all of our hardworking families.

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Q: Which mental health supports are needed most in your district and how will you work to increase access to families that need them?

A: Two primary areas of focus in terms of mental healthcare for District 4 are access to affordable services, especially through Telehealth, and addiction recovery support. I will work to help in both of these areas by ensuring our portion of the Infrastructure Bill goes towards broadband access in our rural areas, and by supporting initiatives that get to the root of addiction problems and giving community support to individuals to prevent relapse.

Q: Would you support the creation of a refundable State Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)? Why/why not?

A: Yes, we need to work towards more equitable ways to support PA residents.

Q: What would you do, if elected, to expand the access to affordable broadband internet?

A: Government must recognize broadband is a basic utility. Ensuring its accessibility to our communities is a necessity, especially in rural communities. Students and families have been left behind, leading to folks leaving our district for opportunities where reliable Internet allows you to choose where to live, work, and play. In the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, funding for high-speed Internet access is specifically included and I will be a champion for our district to ensure our fair share of that funding.