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Q1 Candidate's Name

John Elleson

Q2 Candidate's District

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Q3 Will you support closure of any State Operated Developmental Centers and shift corresponding resources toward integrated, community-based living options? **Yes**

Q4 Would you support legislation to eliminate the subminimum wage for workers with disabilities in Illinois? **Yes**

Q5 Do you support per-beneficiary funding caps in the Illinois Medicaid system? **Yes**

Q6 Should Illinois Medicaid and SNAP benefits have a mandatory work component? **No**

Q7 Would you advocate raising Medicaid reimbursement rates for home-based nursing services? **Yes**

Q8 Do you support a fair (graduated) income tax? **Yes**

Q9 Will you demand improved disability access to the State Capitol complex and General Assembly, including but not limited to a formal reasonable accommodation request process for public proceedings, provision of key materials in alternate formats, and captioning of floor proceedings? **Yes**

Candidate's Questionnaire 2018

Q10 What will you do to ensure people with disabilities, who identify as members of other marginalized communities (e.g. black/brown, LGBTQ, immigrant, etc.) know they are welcome to live and pursue their full potential in Illinois? In other words, how can you address systemic oppression against multiply marginalized disabled people?

I believe that we should first seek to liberate our minds of such systemic oppression towards these groups - it is a worthwhile effort and is our own responsibility. I would fight for legislation to furthers not hinders them.

Q11 How will you ensure a free and appropriate public education for Illinois students with disabilities?

I would support any bill that ensures free and appropriate public education for Illinois students with disabilities. This is a very impotent issue to me and I won't stop fighting for it.

Q12 How will you work to expand affordable, accessible, integrated housing options in Illinois?

I belive we need to give more tax incentives and fix equal housing laws to ensure affordable, accessible, integrated housing options for everyone in Illinois. Specifically, I would like to see more government subsidized programs that help low income families obtain homes.

Q13 What would you do to make Illinois more compliant with the Ligas, Williams, and Colbert Consent Decrees? **Respondent skipped this question**

Q14 How will you play a role in making business accessible to all customers with disabilities?

I would work to incorporate equal accessibility for all customer with disabilities in any legislation I support.

Q15 What will you do to provide full and equal access to public transportation in Illinois?

I will work to lower the price of everyday public transportation fares and at the same time make it more accessible. We need to invest a lot more money into public transportation.

Q16 How can wages for Illinois' Personal Assistants, Direct Support Professionals, Community Care Program and Homemaker service providers be improved and/or stabilized? **Respondent skipped this question**

Q17 Illinois has 19,000+ residents with disabilities on the PUNS (Prioritization for Urgency of Need for Services) waiting list. Thousands more are waiting for DON (Determination of Need) assessments to become eligible for home and community-based care. What concrete steps will you support to reduce these backlogs and improve Illinois' laggard status (we rank #47) when it comes to home-based disability services for eligible Illinoisans? **Respondent skipped this question**
