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**Q1 Candidate's Name**

David J. Seiler

**Q2 Candidate's District**

107th Representative

**Q3 Will you support closure of any State Operated Developmental Centers and shift corresponding resources toward integrated, community-based living options?** **No**

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

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**Q5 Do you support per-beneficiary funding caps in the Illinois Medicaid system?** **Respondent skipped this question**

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

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

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

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**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**

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## 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 think everyone needs to be brought to the table so everyone can hear what the others have to say. There are many folks who deny the oppression you mention actually exists and exposure is the best chance to enlighten them.

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

As a freshman legislator, my ability to do this is limited but I can help bring attention to the needs that exist and work to convince other legislators of the need for support.

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

A lot of this is about funding. Illinois needs a graduated income tax in order to get back on a sound financial footing so we can promote programs such as the ones you mention.

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

I really need to learn more about it but in general, I support people living in the most appropriate environment possible. Again, I think bringing all the stakeholders to the table is the first step in reaching a consensus.

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

I think the state as well as local governments have to work together to enforce disability access. It seems to me as well that communities have an interest in assisting businesses to retrofit for disability access. We give support for cosmetic improvements so it would seem support for access should be factored in as well.

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

I think public transportation is severely lacking, especially in rural Illinois where an aging population needs the support but isn't accustomed to it. In many ways the aging population presents a public health hazard due to trying to maintain a driver's license beyond the time they should have retired from driving. But once again, the key word is funding.

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

I quite honestly don't know the answer to this but I am betting you have some ideas and can fill me in. I'd be glad to hear your thoughts.

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**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?

This issue isn't just about the persons with disabilities ... it seems to me it's about their families as well. I wasn't aware of our lowly ranking. What State Representatives can do is work to bring light to the need. Public hearings to discuss the needs would seem to be the first step.

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