

1. The American Rescue Plan disbursed over 100 Million to Counties in and neighboring to your district, how would you have planned to spend 100 Million within your territory? *I would have directed the monies to Reimburse and Revitalize small business's effected by the pandemic, fund educational programs to make up for the loss and plan for the consequences associated in the future, and supplemented outreach for community based programs for mental health wellness.*
2. USDA Grants and other Government Grants can elevate the available funds for major projects. During the Pandemic there were many Counties that did not take advantage of applying for rent relief grants for their citizens.
 - a. What Federal Grants would you encourage municipalities to pursue. *I would be a conduit to help gain access to the Federal Programs and grants that would be specific to their needs. With Rep. Cartwright and Sen. Casey both being from Lackawanna county, I would help be the bridge being a Lackawanna county candidate who would represent a vast swath of Luzerne county as well.*
 - b. What Grants would you advocate for Small Business, Non-profits, and Average Citizens? *Similar to the above, I would utilize the SBA and DECD to advocate the multitude of grants available that would be specific to each groups' needs.*
3. Our Districts have the unique geography that includes acres of arable land and thousands of county owned abandoned homes, yet still has a large homeless population and a high hunger issue. How can we reconcile the availability of unused resources and the citizen need for their development? *We need to put the gears of government to work with either HUD promoting governmental intervention or providing options and funds to work with private endeavors who pledge to use tax incentives or granted contracts where their products are then used for the disadvantaged.*
4. There are schools permanently losing programming or closing and going for sale in Hazleton and Wilkes-Barre, coincidentally the POC incarceration rate is at 40% in Luzerne Counties. There's over 99 Million in American Rescue Act Funding. How can we better utilize our funding (temporary or permanently) to engage and create opportunities for marginalized populations? Is closing schools in urban areas a solution or a hinderance? *99 million is a pittance in what is needed to first increase the availability and*

options for educational needs in the urban areas of Luzerne County. Obviously closing any schools in general is an outcome no one wants. However, most of those are in such vast needs of upgrades and advancements, building new and better schools in maybe a non-advantageous location to make them still feel like a community school attached to its urban roots are often a necessary choice.

5. How can a Representative influence or impact the Opioid Epidemic, what plans/programs/initiatives will be put in place to:

- a. Decrease the Usage of Opioids
- b. Mitigate the Risk Factors in their Use
- c. Target Drug Dealers/Supply Chain
- d. Greenlight "Safer" Alternatives

I think it is the duty of a legislature to find ways and methods to improve the lives of its constituents. The opioid epidemic is one of the fated ills of society I have seen firsthand as a Pharmacist. I have also seen the great benefits and usage of medical marijuana to help overcome the reliance on opioids. The ideas, thoughts, and process of what is needed are some of the main reasons I am running for the seat in the 118th.

6. In 2020 the Nation saw a 36% Decrease in Marijuana Arrests, except for PA which only saw a 7% Decrease in Marijuana Arrests. African Americans are nearly 4x more likely to be arrested for possession, as per the ACLU. With Marijuana becoming legal in our Neighboring States and Our Governor Advocating for the legalization; We'd like to know:

- a. What is your Personal/Political Stance of PA Legalization?
- b. What are your feelings towards decarceration of Minor Marijuana Charges in PA?

I am a full force advocate for Decriminalization and Legalization. I am also for a review of all marijuana related incarcerations to determine what were a meaningless use of current law just to target particular populations depending on their residence throughout the commonwealth.

7. How does your work experience prepare you for being a state Representative? *Having been in retail pharmacy for my career, I've spent dealing with all aspects and all spectrums of the population in the*

commonwealth. That's from professional prescribers, corporate profiteers, and the customers who serve both. I have been very good at meandering serving the needs of all and doing what's best for all at the same time. I feel that being in Harrisburg and working with all those interests including those of representatives of vastly different populaces across the state will be of great benefit to my own constituency.

8. In this volatile political atmosphere, do you want to fix government or break it? *I want to work within the confines of what was given to us 250 years ago and has continued to wander along a long road. I think there needs to be some repair to the thought process of how the government works for the people, and not the government itself.*
9. Can you give us an example in your personal life how you've built consensus on an issue where two sides were diametrically opposed? *I'm a widow with two young adult boys, every day is building consensus in my household.*
10. Define constituent service and the type of office personnel you'd hire to take care of that important job? *I would hire locally so they would understand the everyday needs of those who they are serving. I would hire communicative, empathic and professional acting personnel.*
11. (If there are two candidates) Would you support your opponent if you are beaten? *I am currently in a primary with an opponent who largely seems to be supportive of the same issues as I am. I know that it has become a bi-county seat and I have pledged to be a bi-county representative. If my opponent would do the same and make sure the new district was fairly represented from top to bottom I would gladly support his efforts in the general election.*
12. As a newcomer how would you stand out in a large group of freshman legislators? *I have been a competitor my whole life trying to get the job in front of me done. Whether that has been in the classroom, basketball court, or in my service to my patients. I wouldn't change my approach no matter the situation, no matter the size of the task in front of me.*
13. If you had the power to pass a bill in the State House right now that would become law, what would be the top priority for you? *With so many major*

issues at this time in our state and our country, especially with the hot button issue of abortion rights on center stage, eluded earlier with legalization of marijuana and the billions of dollars and millions of lives that would save, providing confidence in safe and fair elections, I may have to say the passing of Adequate Funding of Education in our state. I believe it has been authored that we are 45th in education funding in the country being 4 billion dollars a year short on the average. If we can produce a well-educated and informed population started in pre-k to age 18, many of these other issues that we see before us that maybe 50/50 or 55/45 in being one side or the other, suddenly becomes 60/40 and 65/35 and more. The polarization of many issues quickly disappears with a greater education and greater knowledge base.

14. In your district how often would you conduct town meetings? *With this being a newly formed district, I think I would start off with attending each municipalities meetings' and being part of their own discussions. Then forming some collectiveness to each area and holding regional meetings to inform them of directions and possibilities within the legislature that would benefit them that they might not be aware of through current liaisons.*

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