



Survival Coalition

of Wisconsin Disability Organizations

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QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES

Many positions in Wisconsin will be up for election in November 2026, including offices for Governor, all 8 members of Congress, all members of The Wisconsin Assembly and a third of State Senate seats.

Now is a great time for you and members of your community to come together and invite candidates to discuss the issues most pressing to you and other members of the disability community. Your questions are a great way to educate both the candidates and your communities about how policies make real impacts on you and your loved ones' lives.

Below are a series of questions to get you started, but feel free to ask your own. Consider talking by phone or asking to meet with candidates who have announced or are considering running for an elected seat in Wisconsin. Now is a great time, when candidates are trying to gather input on what is most important to potential constituents and before their calendars fill up.

QUESTIONS

- Medicaid, the Affordable Care Act, and SNAP have all come under fire in past years, weakening the safety net for seniors, people with disabilities and low-income Wisconsinites. What will you do to guarantee people can get the help they need to remain in their homes instead of being forced into expensive Medicaid-funded institutions? Will you put these ideas on your campaign website?
- What are your ideas to ensure people with disabilities in Wisconsin will not be forced back into institutions, What will you do to community based services will continue to have access to Medicaid programs with optional community based waiver services at current levels? Will you put your ideas on your campaign website?
- What steps will you take to reduce barriers to public programs and make sure people with disabilities have access to community-based services and other supports they are entitled to? Will you put those ideas on your campaign website?
- What are your ideas to address the ongoing community based direct care professional workforce shortage? Will you put those ideas on your campaign website?
- What steps will you take to ensure equal education for disabled children in light of eliminated federal education programs and the dismantling of the Department of Education? Will you put position statements on education on your website?
- What are your ideas to improve public education in Wisconsin? Will you put your ideas on your campaign website?
- What steps will you take to increase safe, affordable, accessible housing for people with disabilities? Will you put those ideas on your campaign website?



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- What are your ideas to improve transportation for people with disabilities and other non-drivers in Wisconsin (more than 1 in 4 Wisconsinites are non-drivers)? Will you put those ideas on your campaign website?
- What is your position on mail-in voting and use of accessible machines in Wisconsin? Will you put those positions on your campaign website?

FEDERAL CANDIDATES ONLY

- What are you going to do if elected to address my concerns and the real problems that are going to impact myself and my family.

CURRENT FEDERAL LAWMAKERS

- What steps will you take to undo cuts to critical programs for people with disabilities and make a better, easier system for the people who use it.

CURRENT OR POTENTIAL STATE LAWMAKERS

- How are you planning to address the state budget shortfalls that are coming?
- How will you advocate with federal lawmakers to change federal law so states aren't hurt?
- How are you willing to use your bully pulpit to explain how people and communities are being harmed by these changes.

If you have any questions or would like to share your answers with Survival Coalition, please feel free to reach out to one of the co-chairs:

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