

Optional Short Answer Questions for Tom Wallace

Optional: What is your position on Medicaid block grants?

“Down syndrome has long been on my list as we appear to have an inordinate number of individuals with Down syndrome in my town. Comprehensive, quality, and equal healthcare is a basic right and not a "benefit" to be tied to a job. Block grants are a sham.

Democrats are going to continue championing patients and fighting to make sure everyone can get quality, affordable health care.

Democrats portrayed the change as new evidence of the president’s determination to undermine the Affordable Care Act. “After being stopped in the Congress from repealing the health care law and destroying the lifeline of Medicaid, the Trump administration has decided to ignore the law and steal lifesaving health care from seniors and families anyway,” House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said in a statement.”

Optional: What is your position on LTSS for people with disabilities and are they included in your health care plan?

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-8833383/Man-syndrome-worked-McDonalds-32-years-lifts-lid-life-post-retirement.html>.

Healthcare, family, community all strive for the benefit of all - we are all intrinsically connected in a natural order we function together as a whole and a part of that is insuring that all of us have an equal opportunity to make the best and to utilized what we have to our greatest potential.

Optional: What is your position on Direct Support Professionals (DSP) getting paid adequate wages for their work?

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Do you support legislation that will help to make sure the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is fully funded?

The restructuring of how funds are allocated and spend needs to be addressed across the board. Special needs and life skills are two of the most underfunded programs.