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Q1

About Candidates

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| Candidate Name | Deb Butler |
| District | House District 18 |
| Party Affiliation | Democrat |
| Campaign Website | www.ElectDebButler.com |

Q2

Q1. Please tell us about your personal experiences with nonprofits. These may include experiences with any organizations that have served you and/or fellow residents of your community, or specific nonprofits for which you've served as a board member, staff person, volunteer, or donor. How do these experiences shape your policy positions? (Limit: 300 words)

I have served on several non profit boards over the years and certainly in my role as a Representative I see the valuable contributions being made across my community every day. Most notably, I served as a volunteer at New Hanover Regional Medical Center alongside about 800 others at that time. I am keenly aware of the breadth and magnitude of the services provided by nonprofits. To me, nonprofits fill a void and I feel like oftentimes they are the safety net that keeps people from slipping through the cracks.

Q3

Q2. If elected, what would be your top three policy priorities? (Limit: 250 words)

While it is difficult to choose three priorities, I still believe expanding Medicaid in NC is the single most impactful thing we should do for the benefit of so many. Increased jobs, healthcare coverage for hundreds of thousands of our citizens, and more resources for our hospitals particularly rural ones are the chief benefits. Secondly, we must do better at investing in public education and that includes human infrastructure as well as the buildings themselves. And insofar as we have suffered a water quality catastrophe in the form of PFAS contamination across the state, we must re-evaluate the method and manner in which we issue discharge permits in NC. If you use a public trust resource, you should be made to prove the safety of your process and/or product in advance.

Q4

The Center advocates on public policy issues that affect North Carolina's nonprofit sector and works with the NC General Assembly and North Carolina's members of Congress to develop laws and policies that save nonprofits time and money, help nonprofits operate more effectively, and preserve the public's trust in North Carolina's nonprofit sector. Our policy agenda includes:

- Ensuring that all 501(c)(3) nonprofits are fully exempt from federal, state, and local taxes.
- Promoting new and expanded tax deductions and credits that encourage individuals and businesses to give generously to support their communities through the work of charitable nonprofits.
- Supporting policy solutions that will address the nonprofit workforce shortage, including increased funding to support jobs in the nonprofit sector and investment in accessible and affordable child care.
- Seeking solutions to long-standing challenges that nonprofits face when they provide public services through government grants and contracts, including late contracts, late payments, overly complicated application and reporting requirements, and underpayment for indirect costs.
- Promoting laws that will help nonprofits and businesses alike to provide affordable and high-quality health care and other benefits to their employees.

Q3. If elected, which of these policy goals would you support most enthusiastically, and why? (Limit: 250 words)

I appreciate that reporting requirements are often duplicitous and extremely complex. While the need for transparency and accountability is obvious, there can always be improvements made that can streamline processes. I like organization and clarity in such things and enjoy finding efficiencies. That's an area where I believe I could really contribute.
