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Summary of candidate's NUHW questionnaire



PRIORITIES AS PRESIDENT

- Build economy in which only one job is enough to support oneself
- Unite country to embrace diversity
- Make sure economy works for everyone

HEALTH POLICY

- Proposal is called “Medicare for America,” which is not full-fledged Medicare-for-All, but would cover mental health.
- Plan would automatically enroll uninsured and underinsured Americans in Medicare, and allow those unsatisfied by their private insurance to buy into Medicare with premiums set on a sliding scale capped at 8 percent of household income and deductibles eliminated.

WORKER RIGHTS

- Would work to pass laws creating meaningful penalties for employers that violate workers' rights, prevent interference in union elections, and overturn state “right-to-work” laws.
- Supports providing full collective bargaining rights to all workers, including agricultural and domestic service workers.
- Supports raising the federal minimum wage to \$15 per hour.

MENTAL HEALTH PARITY

- Would proactively address and prioritize preventive, comprehensive mental healthcare for groups that disproportionately struggle with mental health challenges.
- Would require Veterans Affairs mental health professionals to contact each new veteran within one week of their transition from the military.
- Would ensure previously incarcerated individuals receive mental healthcare counseling and substance use treatment, if necessary, to increase the chance of successful re-entry.

IMMIGRANT RIGHTS

- Pledges to reform asylum system and reunite families.
- Would issue executive order limiting detention to only people with violent criminal backgrounds and ending funding for private for-profit prisons.
- Would rescind the Trump travel ban, end targeting of “Sanctuary Cities,” and champion legislation to create a pathway to citizenship for undocumented people, with an immediate path for DREAMers.