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Summary of candidate's NUHW questionnaire



PRIORITIES AS PRESIDENT

- Usher in generational change to address global warming
- Make housing more affordable
- Establish an economy that works for workers

HEALTH POLICY

- Proposes “Medicare for All Who Want It,” which would leave in place private insurance. Proposal would give every American the option to opt into a Medicare plan.
- Believes public support for Medicare for All will grow when people see that a public insurance option is the best choice.

MENTAL HEALTH PARITY

- Would invest \$300 billion into mental health care to address opioid epidemic and mental illness.
- Pledges to enforce mental health and addiction parity across all insurers and government health care programs so treatment is as accessible as treatment for other chronic conditions.
- Would require health plans to provide free annual mental health check-up.

WORKER RIGHTS

- Pledges to level playing field in union elections by requiring “equal airtime on company time,” so workers hear from union organizers, not just employers.
- Would enshrine the right to multi-employer bargaining and would end “right-to-work” laws, which ban union security in collective bargaining.
- Would ensure that all workers can bargain with the companies that actually control the terms of their employment.
- Would stop employers from permanently replacing workers who strike, enhancing workers’ rights to secondary boycotts.
- Raise the federal minimum wage to \$15 per hour and indexing to wage growth.

IMMIGRANT RIGHTS

- Supports a path to citizenship for the undocumented immigrants with temporary protections for DREAMers, parents of DREAMers, and people with Temporary Protected Status while waiting for legislation to pass.
- Wants resources to address the visa and asylum backlogs so that people no longer have to wait in uncertainty for years.
- Supports increasing visa allotments to reflect our humanitarian and economic needs.