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Hello Dan,

Firstly - I just wanted to thank you for all the work you do on behalf of folks living with disabilities.

In my work life - I spend a lot of time with athletes (www.goodmeninsport.org). And work closely with various national and regional sports organizations around inclusion, respect and compassion. So this topic is very near to my heart. Thank you!

I've tried to answer your questions below.

When it comes to children & youth with disabilities - I believe that providing them the opportunity to be in community, through sport, adds significantly to the wellbeing of their lives and those around them (family, friends etc). I would advocate for increased training for coaches (who are far to often parents of children and youth with disabilities). This would look like specialized professional development programming that would support coaches and trainers to build up capacity to meet the unique needs of these athletes

Let me us know if you have any follow up.

1. Will you commit to changing the deadly and unacceptable health conditions faced by individuals with intellectual disabilities?

Absolutely YES.

2. Will you engage individuals with intellectual disabilities and their supporters during the policy-making process on all issues that impact their health and wellbeing?

Yes

3. When in government, will you commit to ensuring the Ministry of Health prioritizes improving health outcomes and quality of life for people with intellectual disabilities?

Yes!

4. Will you commit to creating a governmental task force to improve the health of people with intellectual disabilities?

Yes!

5. Will you commit to supporting sufficient funding and resources to ensure people intellectual disabilities will no longer face inequality in health and in life?

Yes