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**Disability Unscripted: 2020 Candidates on Inclusion & Accessibility
Transcript of Kamala Harris: Nashua NH, May 15, 2019**
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DRC-NH Staff: Right now, one in five Americans has a disability. What will you do when you're elected to ensure that individuals with disabilities are employed in your administration?

Kamala Harris: Well, a lot. I mean, first of all, one, it is very important to me, and so there will be active recruitment. But the other is that if you're just talking about in terms of policies, we have to look at, as an administration, what we can do around minimum wage issues and the substandard wages that are still legal. I mean, that's outrageous.

DRC-NH Staff: Not in New Hampshire, we passed a law.

KH: Yeah, no, but nationally.

DRC-NH Staff: But nationally, it's horrible.

KH: And people don't realize that. I mean, yet again, this I put in the context of just a basic civil rights issue, right? That people are under the law, treated unequally for performing the same service, doing the same thing.

I look at it in terms of the home healthcare worker issue and what we need to do to create better access and greater access to affordability. And then, there's obviously what we need to do around the Department of Labor and what this administration has been trying to do to really de-emphasize, and frankly, weaken the strength of that issue around not only promulgating smart regulation, but around enforcement of the laws that currently exist to respond to whatever discrimination exists. So those are some of the things, but I can talk to you more extensively.

DRC-NH Staff: Thank you for your time.

KH: Okay. Thank you. Thanks for your leadership.

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