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Disability Unscripted: 2020 Candidates on Inclusion & Accessibility **Transcript of Elizabeth Warren: Concord, NH April 13, 2019** <https://drcnh.org/videos/warren-video-campaign-inclusion-and-accessibility/>

DRC-NH Staff: One in five Americans are people with disabilities and we would love to know how you're gonna make sure your campaign is accessible to people with disabilities? And also how your administration will be accessible to people with disabilities if you are elected?

Elizabeth Warren: So I very much appreciate the question. I was a special needs teacher, and this is an important part for me of making democracy accessible to everyone. And this has been true in my Senate campaigns as well. So, I'll just mention a couple of things:

We're always careful to have an ADA section. We let people register in advance so that they can get in if there are special special needs that we need to make accommodations for we do our very best to make that happen. I always go down to take pictures first with folks who are sitting in the ADA section, so we're sure to get those. And also for people who have hearing impairment, we close caption everything we do. So we do this automatically, we don't wait until somebody raises the problem. We do it now all the time before it goes out with our name on it.

And you were asking me also about as President.

DRC-NH Staff: Yes.

EW: There's just so much here. But let's at least talk about some of it.

I'm a strong supporter of IDEA, I've supported SSI payments, I've opposed the sub-minimum wage-it's just not right. I believe in and I didn't get a chance to do it here, but defending Medicaid as well as Medicare. One, it's so important how many people with disabilities have to rely on it.

My housing bill. 3.2 million new housing units for people with low moderate income, working-class families, has special provisions in it for people with disabilities. We need more housing...

DRC-NH Staff: Yes, critical.

EW: ...for people with disabilities. I think of this as the continuation of our lifetime. Of how we build opportunities. And it's everything from age zero and getting the right kind of child care and early childhood interventions. Not just in the handful of places that do it automatically, but all across this country. All the way through school, all the way through technical training, college. It depends on what people are able to do. But then to think through long-term, healthcare, housing,

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a chance to earn a living and not have your benefits taken away from you just cause you're out there working. This is about how people build independent lives, as best they can. Special needs teacher-that's what it's supposed to be.

So, I probably left out 16 things, but I hope you stay in touch.

DRC-NH Staff: That's okay, thank you so much. We really really appreciate..

EW: You bet.

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