

Candidate's name	Michelle Badger
Office sought	Rep: 1st Plymouth District
Campaign website	https://badgerforplymouth.com/
1. Experience with long-term services	<p>Yes, I have know a few people over the years who have needed long-term care services, both on a short-term and extended basis. Their experiences with care were quite varied, as is the experience for most, they had their share of positive and negative experiences.</p> <p>For one person, the process of securing care was initially quite difficult. They faced significant hurdles in accessing the necessary services, which included a bit of a wait and navigating complex bureaucratic systems. However, once the care was finally set up, the situation improved markedly. The quality of care provided was generally positive, and the individual was able to benefit from the assistance they needed. This experience underscores the importance of perseverance and the need for more streamlined processes in accessing care services.</p> <p>In contrast, another person faced a different set of challenges. They were reluctant to invest the necessary funds to obtain the level of care that was truly required. As a result, the individual did not receive adequate support, which led to a compromised quality of life and but when they realized they needed to pay due to their income a higher amount and the benefit their quality of life improved. This situation highlights the financial barriers that can prevent individuals from accessing appropriate care and the impact that these barriers can have on overall well-being. This person was lucky they had the resources.</p> <p>These experiences illustrate some of the broader issues within the long-term care system, such as the difficulties in obtaining and affordability of services. We need more accessible and affordable care options, as well as the importance of addressing both systemic</p>

	<p>and financial barriers to ensure that individuals receive the care they need.</p> <p>We also see through all of this the difficulty in finding home health aids because they are not paid enough and many times can not afford to live in the areas where their assistance can be utilized.</p>
2. Personal needs allowance	Yes, up to \$160
3. "Small house" development	No position
4. Long-term care reform	Yes
5. Home care support	Yes
6. Transparent ownership	Yes
7. Pandemic funds audit	Yes
8. Nursing home resident rights	No position
9. Anti-bullying	Yes
10. Anti-psychotic medications	Yes
11. Minimum staffing	Yes
12. Enhanced surveying	Yes
Other comments	<p>Question 3: I did some research but would want to know more about why nothing has happened to this point.</p> <p>Question 8: I do not know enough about this topic. I believe restore human rights to residents is important and that they should be protected and be able to file suit under consumer protection. I would want to learn more about what prohibits them now but if they have no one else to protect them they should have all the avenues that others have. I would want to learn more about this top.</p> <p>Question 10: I support the idea behind it but would want some more studies done to understand why this is the case in Massachusetts. How are we diagnosing differently or over diagnosing he in Massachusetts?</p>