



The Representation We Deserve

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Every two years, we have the opportunity to select who we want to represent us in Congress: who reflects our values and vision for our country; who has the experience and temperament to be a productive Member; and who is capable of earning a majority's support in our district come November. For me, that person is Beth Davidson.

The job will be hard and taxing, and often thankless, as our nation seems to grow more polarized, frustrated, and restless by the year. But it is also a job, I would argue, that has rarely been more important than it is right now.

In the next two years, the person we select to represent us in Congress will confront decisions with generational implications. Our representative will carry our voice in debates of whether and how to sustain our nation's social safety net; enable access to affordable health care, housing, and energy; protect our privacy, and that of our children, against exploitation; safeguard our natural resources; keep our families safe from threats, foreign and domestic; prepare our workforce to adapt, once more, to severe technological disruption; and renew our commitment to education and science, the core of an innovation economy that has powered American prosperity for half a century.

Our representative will also carry the difficult duty of reflecting our voice – 780,000 diverse residents of the lower Hudson Valley – in reasoned opposition to an Administration that seems intent on redefining America's character. The America that I believe in, that I wish for my three children, is not one of fear or anger, vengeful force or infallibility, but one defined by the belief that, together, we are building toward something better. Without fanfare or posting, acclaim or pronouncement, America has always stood first and steadfast - and by the power of its example, never alone - in its pursuit of a Greater Good. It is who we are.

But our vision has been clouded, and our representation corrupted, by money. Dollars flow with abandon to candidates that align with their interests, requiring those who do not draw from their streams to spend more time fundraising than campaigning. These interests find candidates too, elevating local, ambitious, and malleable personalities or recruiting individuals with loose district affiliations, all to narrow our choices, and all to their betterment.

But, all is not lost. For in America, we are each given a voice, and with it, a vote, should we exercise it. We have the opportunity, in every election, to choose a different path – and that path has grown clearer for us in New York's 17th Congressional District this past year.

Since last January, grounded by facts and focused on humanizing those running for office, you have joined me as we: held our congressman to account for the impact of his votes on our district; met and heard from our Democratic candidates, as they honed their visions and platforms, live from their homes; and, in a Congressional Forum, debated real options to improve access to affordable quality health care for every American. I have spent dozens of hours with the candidates seeking to represent us, and I share that while each would bring moral clarity to the position, **Beth Davidson will have my vote on June 23rd.**



Beth has decades of experience serving her community. Beth is a Rockland County legislator – Chair of the Environment Committee and Vice Chair of the Housing and Economic Development Committee. She is a former two-term school board member with a two-decade history of service on both sides of the Hudson. She has served on the boards of her synagogue, the Soar Mentorship program, and the Children’s Shakespeare Theater. She and her husband, through cancer and job transitions and COVID, have raised two (incredible) children in Nyack.

Beth has a legacy of fighting for our most vulnerable. At EMILY’s List, Beth helped to elect dozens of pro-choice Democratic women nationally – Senators, representatives, and governors; at the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, she raised awareness and funds for those impacted by MS; and at Rockland County Pride Center, she serves as a volunteer and advocate. Her understanding of issues stems from seeing them first-hand; her positions are shaped by a lifetime of civic participation, raising a family, and advocating for those she has been elected to serve.

Beth has the temperament and track-record to win this election – and deliver for our district. Beth is a skilled listener, connector, and tireless coalition builder. She is strategic, patient, steady, and relentless in her pursuit of an objective, whether it be tax relief or protecting her community from ICE overreach. She runs like she’s “seven points behind,” and works as if each day is her last to move the needle.

Beth prides herself on being present, whenever and wherever she is invited. “95 percent of life is,” she said (again) in our final interview, “showing up,” her parents shouted from the next room. And show up she does, including last summer, in my very neighborhood, where a small corner house had a ribbon cutting for a Little Free Library. The neighbors gathered and had ice cream, the kids played, and there Beth was, making introductions and shaking every hand.

Beth’s tenacity, desire to deeply understand issues, and her collaborative, grounded nature have produced an early track record of legislative victories for her constituents: common sense gun safety legislation; fully funded law enforcement; hundreds of acres of new open space; and a sales tax cap on gasoline to spare Rocklanders pain at the pump.

Our region has a long tradition of deep-rooted leaders - including the late Congresswoman Nita Lowey - and it is on their path that Beth’s heads-down, show-up, boots-on-the-ground campaign treads, reminding us that representation can still be local, if we show up.

I am proud to endorse Beth Davidson for Congress. I hope you will join me.

Sincerely,

Kevin McAvey
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