

Restoring American Exceptionalism Through Empathy, Strength, and Common Purpose

I am running as a Democrat for Congress in New York's 2nd Congressional District because I believe we have drifted away from something foundational—not just public trust in government, but a belief in what America can still become when we lead with compassion, strength, and unity. I believe in American Exceptionalism—not as a slogan, but as a commitment: that our country can and must lead the world in opportunity, innovation, and justice. But that can only happen when we govern with empathy, act with principle, and focus on results that serve the greatest number of people, not the loudest or most privileged few.

For 26 years, I have served as a federal employee with the Social Security Administration. For the last 13 of those years, I have also been a Union representative and I currently serve as the local president representing all SSA field offices in New York City, Nassau, Suffolk, and Westchester Counties. My career has been about public service, not political ambition—about protecting working families, defending retirement security, and making government work the way it's supposed to. I also bring a lived experience that's virtually absent in Congress: I am legally blind. And while I may not have sight, I have something this country needs more of—vision; a vision for a more just, compassionate, and effective government. A vision for a nation that puts people before politics, results before rhetoric, and common good above tribal division. If elected, I would likely be the first legally blind member of the U.S. House of Representatives—and I intend to use that platform not to be seen, but to help others be heard.

What I Stand for: Government That See People, Not Statistics

Too often, government treats people as abstractions—as data points instead of neighbors. I believe policy must be rooted in empathy and legislation must always consider its human consequences. We must return to a government that is utilitarian in principle—American in character: striving to serve the greatest number while never forgetting the dignity of the individual. People are not line items. They are families, workers, and citizens—and they deserve policy that respects that.

Healthcare That Works For Everyone

We are paying Rolls-Royce prices for healthcare and getting Cadillac results. That's unacceptable. I will fight to:

- Expand Medicare to cover more Americans
- Use AI to assist—not replace—healthcare workers
- Mandate radical transparency on healthcare lobbying and political contributions

If we are paying for the best, we should receive the best.

A Stronger Economy Starts at the Kitchen Table

Prosperity doesn't trickle down—it rises from the bottom up. I support a 2% national sales tax (excluding essentials like food and clothing) to:

- Eliminate taxes on Social Security benefits

- Strengthen the Social Security trust fund
- Lower income taxes for working families

When everyday Americans are strong, America is strong.

Fairness in Retirement and the Tax Code

Retirement security is a promise—not a privilege. I will fight to:

- Protect and expand Social Security
- End unfair taxes on retirement income
- Ensure high earners contribute fairly by eliminating the FICA cap

No one should be punished for saving, working, or growing old in the United States.

Government That Works, Tracks, and Delivers

Every dollar government spends should serve the people. I propose creating a Legislative Department of Government Efficiency—a nonpartisan body to:

- Audit program effectiveness
- Track public dollars in real time
- Expose waste and measure real-world impact

Accountability isn't partisan—it's patriotic.

Preparing Our Workers and Children for the AI Era

Technology should lift people up—not leave them behind. I support:

- Tax incentives for businesses that retain or grow jobs while adopting AI
- Federal investment in K–12 civic, financial, health and digital education
- Guardrails on AI to protect human oversight and dignity

Clean Energy and Infrastructure That Work for Us

We need 21st-century solutions for 21st-century challenges. I'll fight for:

- Clean offshore wind energy on Long Island
- Stronger infrastructure and public transit
- Clean water, safe communities, and resilient coastal protections

Why I am Running

Because we need more vision in Washington—not more division.

Because we need government that reflects the people it's supposed to serve—not special interests or partisanship.

Because we need to stop legislating in the abstract, and start governing like it matters—because it does.

I believe in American Exceptionalism—not as a political brand, but as a promise: that we can lead the world again, not just with power, but with purpose. And I believe that when we govern with empathy, accountability, and unity, we become the country we are meant to be.

Let's restore that vision—together.