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Democratic Candidate
for State Representative

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**Chris Rodkey, Candidate for PA House District 93,
Kicks Off Campaign at Goodwill Fire Co. in Jacobus**

Jacobus, PA—Chris Rodkey is officially launching his campaign for PA House District 93 at a community meet and greet Sunday, Jan. 16, 2022 at the Goodwill Fire Co., 1 S. Main St., beginning at 2 p.m.

With the slogan, “Take Back Citizen Government” and the hashtag “#BeRepresented,” Rodkey is running for this seat to bring integrity and responsible leadership back to the 93rd House District.

“We need representation that actually represents the needs of working-class people, honestly communicates, and listens to divergent opinions. For too long, no one in the 93rd District has been represented,” says Rodkey, who intends to conduct regular town hall meetings and keep the focus squarely on issues relevant to working people.

“As your next state representative, I will represent hard-working people to prioritize economically stable families, working-class businesses, educating our children, caring for our elders, and take the ongoing opioid crisis seriously,” Rodkey explains. “I will change the conversation in Harrisburg to not be about hyper-partisan division, but instead supporting agriculture, infrastructure, election reform grounded in facts and common sense, and a forward-looking vision for the future of our state. I’m running so that those of us who live here will be represented.”

Rodkey, 44, grew up in Central Pennsylvania in a working-class family who operated a neighbor barbershop. Some 13 miles northeast of York in Columbia,

Rodkey's Barbering & Styling has continuously operated, for over 60 years, in the same location on Walnut Street. His father, and since 2003 his brother, have run this multi-generational business, a longtime fixture in the community.

A resident of Dallastown for the past nine years, Rodkey and his wife of 18 years, Traci Lalli, have four children, ranging in age from 7 to 15 years old. Many know Rodkey in the community, as the pastor at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Dallastown since 2012. Rodkey has worked in churches — urban, suburban and rural — since 1998 in the capacity of children and youth ministries, as a music director, in prison chaplaincy, and as a campus minister at the country's largest Catholic university.

An adjunct professor, Rodkey has taught at both York College and Penn State York, the latter of which recognized him in 2013 with an Excellence in Teaching Award. He also has worked as a business consultant, was until recently a landlord, trades in cryptocurrencies, and owns a niche publishing business that has commercially published devotional coloring books and academic references.

A graduate of Hempfield High School in Lancaster, Rodkey earned a bachelor's in philosophy and English from St. Vincent College, a master's degree from the University of Chicago, his first doctorate from Meadville Lombard Theological School, and a second doctorate in philosophy and religion from Drew University. He also earned a certificate at Princeton Theological Seminary. And, he is trained in community organizing by the Leadership Institute in Virginia.

An Eagle Scout and longtime scouting volunteer, Rodkey is a servant leader in the community, including a member of the boards of the Dallastown-Yoe Ministerium of Churches and Central Penn Conference of the United Church of Christ, as well as the Dallastown Area School District Educational Foundation and DASD Community that Cares Grant Committee. Among his civic nods, Rodkey was elected the Minority Inspector of Elections in 2017, and Judge of Elections in 2021 in his precinct.

Key issues for Rodkey as a House Representative include (see position statement attached for details):

- Support for Working-Class Businesses
- Equitable School Funding
- Stewardship & Sustainability of the Land
- Prioritizing the Opioid Crisis
- Cannabis Legalization
- Real-world Election Reform

Rodkey soft launched his campaign on TikTok just prior to Christmas. He will hold an informal virtual meet and greet for those who cannot make the live event at 7 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 16.

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