

1. Why did you decide to run for the United States House of Representatives?^[L]_[SEP]

I decided to run for the US House of Representatives because I feel strongly that TX/18 and its citizens have not been well represented for years. Little to nothing has actually been accomplished in Congress except for partisan rhetoric aimed only at advancing certain political ideals. The only goal: to unseat a duly elected President of the United States. No one cares that the economy is booming or that the stock market has hit all-time highs again and again. Nobody cares that corruption is being uncovered and the swamp is slowly being drained.

The American dream and the American ideal is dying on our watch and this needs to change immediately. I love my country and want only the best for America. Believe it or not, we are not that far apart on our ideals. We all want good to prevail. It is time for Congress to do the work of the people and to focus on a balanced budget, healthcare, lower prescription drug costs, and infrastructure, among many others sidelined by party politics. We must lower taxes and bolster our military. We must do right by the American people because there can be no doubt that we are the greatest country in the world.

2. Who is one of your biggest inspirations? Why?^[L]_[SEP]

My biggest inspiration is my father. For years, I have heard only that he “is just a dumb old country boy” who walked to school [uphill both ways no less] in many ‘miles’ of snow in our small Pennsylvania town. He will never broadcast that he broke the mold in our small town. He moved on and he worked his way to the very top of multiple business organizations. He led employees and he gained their support by helping them along, by doing good, and by ensuring that each of them could grow on their own, in their own way. Many of them still seek his counsel as he embarks on a new journey for himself and his industry. He epitomizes leadership and is my role model as I seek to be a leader for TX/18 and the Nation.

3. What do you remember about the first time you voted? What motivated you to?

I was so excited the first time I voted. I remember being at Seton Hall University, far from home, and awaiting my absentee ballot. I received it and much to the dismay of my roommate, I quickly made my decision and returned the ballot. My recollection is that I voted for George W. Bush. I had supported the Bush family, and Republican ideals, since being asked to do so for a school assignment with Mrs. Mather in 4th Grade at Cooks Corners in Valparaiso, Indiana. Little did I know at the time, but “W” would inherit a world of trouble and the war on terror. I did my small part – I voted and made my choice known. I trust that it was a good choice. I still feel that it was, even many years later.

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4. Why should college students, some who may be first time voters, choose to vote for you?^[L]_[SEP]

I want change and I want college students to inherit a different future. There may not be an absolute right answer as to how we move forward, but we can guide one another to a brighter future. College students should expect more. They should expect a brighter future. They should expect good jobs and they should expect a government that works for them, and others.

5. Is there anything you would like our readers to know?

I want to be approachable. I want to hear from those that live in TX/18 and beyond. I feel strongly that my representative hasn't been doing my bidding and I want to make a change and listen to those that might vote for me. Reach out, on my social media and let us engage with one another. Together, we can make a difference.