

Sample Giving Circle letter

We turn our attention to Virginia, which is one of only two states (with New Jersey) which holds statewide elections this year. Virginians will be voting for all 100 seats in their House of Delegates, as well as Governor*, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and various local 'down-ballot' races. (State Senate races are two years away.) Why are we looking at Virginia, when what we really need to do is flip Congress?

- State issues REALLY matter. Reproductive freedom, gun sense legislation, civil liberties, voting rights, redistricting, etc. are all heavily controlled by state law.
- Trump. If it feels like everything is about Trump, it's because it is. In 2017, Virginia's off-year elections sent the first strong signal of the following year's blue wave. It can happen again. VA races serve as a referendum on Trump, and strong showings will impact races (volunteer energy, donations, hope) throughout the country.



We're looking for blowout wins, and this month we're supporting two excellent candidates for the House of Delegates, Jessica Anderson and Michael Feggans. Jessica is running in District 71, Williamsburg up to New Kent. This is one of the most hotly contested seats in the Virginia legislature this November, and she is making the fate of a constitutional amendment to protect reproductive rights a top issue of her campaign.

Our team just had an opportunity to Zoom-meet with Jessica, and we were exceedingly impressed by her clarity of vision, charisma, and energy. Jessica lost this race two years ago by just 1.6%, and she's back with a much stronger campaign. In 2023, she was able to knock on 1700 doors; this year, she's already canvassed 6000 doors! That's a lot of shoe leather. She 'checks all the boxes' for progressive issues, earning endorsements from Planned Parenthood, Everytown for Gun Safety, Climate Cabinet, LGBT+ Democrats of Virginia, Sister District Project, and multiple unions, to name a few. The incumbent, Amanda Batten, is as MAGA as they get, voting against reproductive freedom, expansion of access to health care, and even voted to deny children access to school meals. Flipping this seat is very doable and important, not just to win, but to get Batten out of the chamber!



Michael Feggans, a cybersecurity specialist and retired 20-year Air Force veteran, is running to retain his seat in District 97 (Virginia Beach). He is committed to fighting and advocating for an equitable transition to clean energy and, like Jessica, prioritizing funding for public schools. His opponent, former delegate Tim Anderson (no relation), recently posted “President Trump is going to lose everything over this [Epstein]. All the good he has done and could do is going to be ruined to protect some nasty powerful pedophiles.” Hmmm.

Early money is used to build teams, create relationships, put up billboards, etc. It builds confidence, allows the candidates to get out in front of the messaging, and appeal to donors. With all eyes on Virginia, races will be extra expensive. These seats are important and part of the very real possibility of securing a Democratic trifecta. We want to send an anti-MAGA message across the country, and we want you to help.

*Abigail Spanberger is running for Governor and currently boasts a strong lead over the ‘extremely extreme’ Republican opponent, hence our hope for a trifecta outcome. But we must remain diligent and engaged.

Please join me in supporting these candidates. We are stronger together,
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