

Dear Citizen of the 29th District,

I write this open letter in an effort to show you who I am and why I will be your next Congressman. New York's 29th District has held a small piece of the pie in the scheme of things, but it is time that we make our voice heard. There are retractors and naysayers who believe that I am grasping at straws and not following the "program."

The program is Party Politics and Politics as Usual. The "Program" has produced a candidate for us, that none of us had a say in. This is unacceptable. I am frequently asked "Why would you run for Congress?" The answer is simple, I am just like you and I believe that our Constitution demands that everyday people stand up and make our voice heard. If we continue to sit silent, then the two party machine will continue to make our decisions for us.

This is not just about taking back the 29th District of New York, it is about taking back the Republican Party to the classical conservative principles it was founded on. Fiscal conservative principles are important, but they are an afterthought. The Republican was founded in opposition to slavery spreading west. In fact, it was founded right here in Allegany County, the place I am proud to call home.

I dare you to ask my opponents the resolution number that caused the Republican party to come into existence. My opponent claims he is die-hard for fiscal conservative positions, yet he has not told us where he stands on issues of Life and Family. A social conservative is a fiscal conservative. Period.

I am committed to being your voice for all relevant issues. I will not beat just one drum. As a Catholic, I understand that we must protect the most defenseless of our neighbors. Although I do not believe in a religious litmus test for our candidates and representatives, I will tell you that I do believe in God and that there is no doubt He is still concerned about our future.

It is time for our district to be more than a piece of the pie. We must show Washington that we mean business and we must unite to ensure that I am our next Congressman. Please understand that the answer is simple, politics as usual or ONE OF US. It really is that simple.

Thank you for taking the time to read my open letter. I care about my family and I care about you, that is why I am running. I will not allow the machine to interfere with my convictions when I step into D.C. on our behalf. I WILL BE OUR VOICE.

Please consider joining my campaign as a volunteer, I am not comfortable asking for your money during these difficult economic times, but I will ask for your help.

Sincerely,

Jan Volk