

I am seeking Labor's endorsement to fight for hardworking families when our federal government refuses to do so. I am the product of unions and labor. My great grandparents immigrated from Southern Italy and Eastern Europe to work in the steel mills of Youngstown, Ohio, where I was born and raised. My relatives have served with the United Auto Workers. My father is a retired civil engineer who advocated for fair public housing across Ohio, serving a number of counties and municipalities; he is the Honorary Chair of my campaign. My mother worked nights as an inventory specialist to help pay our bills. And, my sister Kerri, who began her career as a teacher, is now a nurse and a proud member of District 3 in the Ohio Nursing Association. Kerri, now 40 years old, has been Diabetic since age two and suffers from Diabetic neuropathy. She works at Northside Hospital in Youngstown, which is inadequately staffed, lacks lift teams and equipment, and fails to protect her safety. She injured her knee in the past year as a result and is more prone to injury because of her Diabetic condition. Before becoming a teacher and nurse, Kerri was a server in a restaurant like me. In 2009, her restaurant employer told her that their health care costs would not be so expensive but for her health conditions. Kerri quit immediately afterwards when we decided to not pursue legal remedies. My family experiences are what drives me to seek Labor's endorsement. I am running to represent District 20 in the House of Delegates to change the way government works in Annapolis and end establishment politics for the benefit of Labor. Our campaign will accomplish this change within our three priorities of Social & Economic Justice, Cultural Awareness, and the Environment. We will celebrate our diversity in Silver Spring and Takoma Park while fighting discrimination in the workplace and champion the right to organize. I respectfully ask for the support of the Metropolitan Washington Council AFL-CIO. Thank you for this opportunity.

SIGNATURE:  DATE: 4-1-2018

Please return your signed questionnaire by Thursday, November 30, 2017 to the below address:

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2018 Candidate Questionnaire

Workplace Rights: (Please answer by checking the box)

There are certain basic workplace rights that the unions and members of the Maryland State and District of Columbia AFL-CIO believe are fundamental and absolutely essential. Collective bargaining elections and representation are permitted for private sector employees,