

KRIPCHAK FOR CONGRESS YOUNGSTOWN

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SUBJECT: CAMPAIGN INTRODUCTION

Over the coming weeks and months, I will be traveling around our great district, meeting as many of you as I can, and listening to your stories so that I can better represent you. Hearing from you, I will also be penning several pieces explaining my convictions so that you know where I stand on the issues. I will be outlining my plans and strategy on how to affect change for a brighter America where the oft-neglected 6th District under Bill Johnson gets to reap the benefits of this brighter future.

I intend to run my campaign in the vein of my military training and rise above politics. To my fellow Ohioans of the 6th who are members of the Democratic Party, know that "progress" is not a dirty word. It is through progress that our forefathers settled this great continent and through progress that we ventured out of isolationism to establish global hegemony to mold the world to American Values. To my fellow Ohioans of the 6th who are members of the Republican Party, do not be worried about my call to progress. In terms of governance I am a constitutionalist; in terms of economics I am a capitalist. We do not need to resort to authoritarianism, nor do we need to resort to socialism in order to save our Republic. And we must always remember, no matter which political party we vote for, we are all Americans First.

I will always govern to that which I swore my Oath to: The Constitution. If The Declaration of Independence is the vision statement of our Nation, then the Preamble of our Constitution is our mission statement. Everything we need to govern is in this document. Benjamin Franklin warned us that the Founding Fathers gave us "a republic if you can keep it," and keep it we must.

My campaign is driven by the Preamble: "establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity."

Establish Justice

Law & Order in our nation is imperative but Justice requires that this law & order hold genuine respect for the People. I will strive to ensure our laws serve ALL Americans.

Ensure Domestic Tranquility

While *Peace* is the absence of violence and turmoil, *Tranquility* is freedom from the worry of violence and turmoil. Our laws should not only ensure peace, but also give Americans peace of mind.

Provide for the Common Defense

With our enemies ever-gathering strength to tear us down from without and within, it is even more imperative that we strengthen our military and our international alliances to counter the threats from Russia, China, and Iran. Strengthening our Diplomatic Corps – the first line of defense – is an absolute must.

Promote the General Welfare

Our nation is only as strong as the sum of its parts. Our greatest strength is our sense of Industry and Entrepreneurship. The government's job is to help facilitate this progress while providing us all the safety net required to help us back on our feet to fight the good fight, refreshed and anew.

Secure the Blessings of Liberty to Ourselves and our Posterity

To quote John Adams, "It is not built on the doctrine that a few nobles or rich commons have a right to inherit the earth, and all the blessings and pleasures of it [...] No, it stands upon this principle, that the meanest and lowest of the people, are, by the unalterable indefeasible laws of God and nature, as well intitled to the benefit of the air to breathe, light to see, food to eat, and clothes to wear, as the nobles or the king. All men are born equal." These are the Blessings of Liberty.

Our nation and our government are the means through which we enjoy these Blessings of Liberty. The rights that they enumerate are not granted by the gracious whims of tyrants, they were endowed before our great Nation even existed. It is through our vigilance, a price that we must continuously pay, that we secure these rights from the never-ceasing assaults of tyranny. Our forefathers fought to secure these blessings at the expense of their ease, their comforts, and their blood. Too many Americans have died getting us where we are today just to surrender to authoritarianism. It is up to us to secure these blessings to ourselves, our children, and our children's children. This is our charge.

I look forward to speaking with you all in the coming weeks and months, and I hope to earn your vote to represent you in the US House of Representatives.

Very respectfully,

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