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PRESS RELEASE: Progressive Staten Islander Zach Emig Launches Campaign to Unseat Rep. Donovan (NY-11)

STATEN ISLAND, NY, May 9, 2017 – **“Politicians today are so busy squabbling for the scraps from the corporate banquet table that they’ve missed our God-given right to something better.”**

With that fiery allusion, Staten Island resident and registered Democrat Zach Emig launched his campaign to unseat Rep. Dan Donovan (NY-11) in the 2018 midterm elections. Zach’s campaign team filed the necessary paperwork with the FEC on Friday the 5th, and they unveiled his bilingual campaign website, zachemig2018.com, today.

Zach’s campaign will push a **strong progressive agenda** focused on **getting more money into the wallets of the working and middle classes, fortifying labor rights, delivering on the progressive vision of universal healthcare, and defending voting rights** and the institutions of democracy. His website, zachemig2018.com, lays out his progressive policies, and includes his pledge to hold twelve public townhalls a year across the district.

“Cowardice inspires no one,” Zach notes dryly, perhaps alluding to the incumbent’s refusal to hold a single public townhall. He chose a campaign theme of “Fearless” to reflect his eagerness to engage with anyone—of any party or none, left leaning or right, businessman or union organizer—to discuss why the progressive platform best serves the people of the 11th district.

A native New Yorker born just 5 miles north of his new Tompkinsville home, this forty year old father of four presents an unconventional profile compared to past Democratic candidates. Zach’s two decades of private sector experience in software development and bond trading, degrees in engineering and business from MIT and the University of Michigan, and successful adoption of his Japanese niece and nephew after a 4 year international struggle with the USCIS are far cries from the typical machine candidate.



Zach believes his anti-politician background will be a plus in the race ahead.

“Folks in Staten Island and Brooklyn are tired of the old-school pol, who dutifully waits his turn to “climb the ladder” from staffer on up. Now is the time for men and women of will! I look forward to meeting voters of all stripes and convincing them that, on November 6, 2018, I am the Democrat who best has the *stature* and *daring* to defeat the status quo.”

Zach encourages everyone, especially progressives throughout the five boroughs, to visit zachemig2018.com and get involved. His extensive experience as a volunteer doing phonebanking, voter registration, and GOTV in Philadelphia during last year’s presidential campaign taught him the importance of building a volunteer army early.

“Fellow progressives, there are only 77 weeks left until the midterm elections! I am the only Staten Island Democrat to have entered the arena, and given the challenge of taking down an incumbent congressman, it’s imperative that we start organizing *now*! Visit zachemig2018.com and let’s convert the energy of the marches into the energy of an election victory!”

Zach Emig is available for interviews, which can be scheduled through his campaign via media@zachemig2018.com.

Regards,

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