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I am a Fairfax native and a graduate of Oakton High School '08, where I founded a Young Democrats chapter. In 2007, I had my first political job as a full-time intern for Chap Petersen's State Senate campaign.

While at the University of Chicago, I came home every summer to work as a full-time staffer on campaigns: for Creigh Deeds ('09), Jeff Barnett ('10, 10th C.D.), Babur Lateef ('11, P.W. Co. Bd. of Super.), and then further afield for Steve Israel's Congressional campaign in the midst of Hurricane Sandy ('12, N.Y. 3rd C.D.).

I attended law school at the University of Virginia and obtained my J.D. in 2016. I am now a practicing lawyer at Blankingship and Keith in Fairfax City.

During law school, I fought tirelessly for those trapped in the cycle of poverty and imprisonment. I represented indigent defendants as a public defender and worked to overturn wrongful convictions as a member of the Innocence Project.

I am running for the 11th Congressional District Democratic Committee because I want to work to make equal opportunity a reality. Everyone in Virginia should have access to quality healthcare and education. No Virginian willing to work or acquire skills for employment should have to struggle with income insecurity, food scarcity, or homelessness. We need to close the wage gap (gender and racial) and end the school-to-prison pipeline. This means addressing the reality in Virginia of unequal opportunity based on zip code.

Voters are waking up to the systemic inequalities that politicians should be fixing and I have the experience and passion to advocate for those issues. Democrats win in Virginia by speaking to the communities most deeply affected by these issues. We need to address these issues not only because it's right but because it is how we will win elections.

Why Should You Vote For Me?

- **Knowledge & expertise:** 9 years of campaign experience in Northern Virginia and elsewhere
- **Strategy for winning:** To elect more Democrats, we need to motivate traditionally low-turnout communities by speaking to issues important to them; those issues are ones on which I have a unique combination of experience and passion.
- **Idealism & practicality:** Our values are universal, but we need to work within the existing system to accomplish our goals. I have seen how both successful and unsuccessful Democratic candidates have addressed traditionally low-turnout constituencies and I can help the 11th District Democratic Committee do a better job of targeting and turning out these groups. Politics should be about addition: with greater Democratic turnout, we can advocate for candidates and issues that will accomplish real change.

