

# EMILY'S LIST PRESS RELEASE

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## **EMILY's List Endorses Sharice Davids in Kansas' 3rd District**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today EMILY's List, the nation's largest resource for women in politics, endorsed Sharice Davids for Congress in Kansas' 3rd Congressional District. Stephanie Schriock, president of EMILY's List, released the following statement:

“Sharice Davids is a fighter for economic equality and opportunities for working families. Between her time as a White House Fellow and her professional background as a lawyer and entrepreneur, she has the knowledge and experience necessary to be an effective voice for Kansans in Congress. Sharice is a champion for public education and has a proven track record of serving her community. She will no doubt continue to be a voice for others when elected to Congress.

“Sharice is challenging Congressman Kevin Yoder, a vulnerable Republican who acts as a rubber stamp for the Trump administration and the harmful GOP agenda. This is an opportunity to flip a seat and win back the House for Democrats. EMILY's List is excited to show Sharice the full support of our community and help elect this champion for Kansas working families.”

Sharice Davids was raised by her single mother, who is a U.S. Army veteran, in eastern Kansas and learned the value of hard work and service from a young age. As a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation, Sharice could make history as the first Native American woman elected to Congress. She previously worked for a law firm in Kansas City on issues including economic development for Native American tribes. She then went on to live and work on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Sharice served as a White House Fellow during the final year of the Obama administration. In addition to making history as the first Native American woman in Congress, Sharice could also be the first openly gay member of the Kansas congressional delegation and the first Democratic woman to represent the 3rd District.

*EMILY's List, the nation's largest resource for women in politics, has raised over \$500 million to support pro-choice Democratic women candidates – making them one of the most successful political organizations ever. Our grassroots community of over five million members helps Democratic women wage competitive campaigns – and win. We recruit and train candidates, support strong campaigns, research the issues that impact women and families, and turn out women voters. Since our founding in 1985, we have helped elect 116 women to the House, 23 to the Senate, 12 governors, and over*

*800 to state and local office. Forty percent of the candidates EMILY's List has helped elect to Congress have been women of color. Since the 2016 election, thousands of women and counting have reached out to us about running for office. To harness this energy, EMILY's List has launched Run to Win, an unprecedented effort to get more women to run at the local, state, and national levels.*

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**Sharice Davids**

U.S. House, Kansas

**A dedicated community leader standing up for Kansas working families**

Sharice Davids is a dedicated community leader who is running to fight for Kansans in Congress. She was raised by her single mother, who is a U.S. Army veteran, in Leavenworth and learned the value of hard work and service from a young age. As a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation, Sharice could make history as the first Native American woman elected to Congress. "It wasn't part of my decision. [...] but I'm definitely proud to be part of this time in history," she has said. Sharice studied business administration at the University of Missouri-Kansas City and received her law degree from Cornell Law School. She worked for a law firm in Kansas City on issues including economic development for Native American tribes. She then went on to live and work on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Sharice served as a White House Fellow during the final year of the Obama administration. Most recently, Sharice hosted a podcast called "Starty Pants," where she interviewed entrepreneurs and investors. She has also competed in mixed martial arts tournaments, fighting both professionally and as an amateur. In addition to making history as the first Native American woman in Congress, Sharice could also be the first openly gay member of the Kansas congressional delegation and the first Democratic woman to represent the 3rd District.

**A champion for expanding economic opportunity**

Sharice is running for Congress to expand economic opportunity for Kansas working families. "Voters want a representative who speaks and acts for their values, interests, and communities," she has said. "I have a proven track record of service and will add a new, distinct voice and viewpoint to the nation's discussions." Sharice knows that too many Americans and Kansans lack access to quality, affordable health care. She supports the continued expansion of Medicaid and will support legislation that brings down the price of prescription drugs for those who are struggling to afford them. As someone who's still paying off student loans herself, Sharice is determined to make higher education more affordable for others. "As a woman and a Native

American, I know how to stand up and fight for equity,” she has said. “As a lawyer, economic advisor, and advocate, I know how to build consensus and get things done.”

### **An opportunity to flip a seat and take back the House**

Sharice is challenging Congressman Kevin Yoder, a vulnerable Republican who has been advancing his party’s dangerous agenda at the expense of the working families he was elected to serve. “Kevin Yoder no longer represents the people of Kansas,” she has said. “He is now a rubber stamp for the Trump administration and the big-money donors who have fueled his campaigns.” This is an opportunity to flip a seat and win back the House for Democrats. Let’s show Sharice the full support of the EMILY’s List community and help elect this champion for Kansas working families.