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Former CIA Operations Officer Abigail Spanberger Announces Congressional Run

GLEN ALLEN, VA -- Former CIA operations officer, Abigail Spanberger of Henrico County, announced today that she is seeking the 2018 Democratic nomination for U.S. House of Representatives in Virginia's 7th District. Abigail Spanberger brings to the race a background in law enforcement, counter-terrorism, foreign policy, and business.

"I'm running for Congress because the partisan divide in this country has become unsustainable," said Spanberger. "Central Virginia deserves a representative who can listen to the people and make meaningful progress on important issues, a responsibility that our current representative has proven unable or unwilling to uphold."

Spanberger then added, "As a CIA operations officer, I often had to work with people under highly stressful conditions to help solve problems of critical importance. We are in need of leaders in government who can think creatively and act in the best interests of those we are sworn to serve. I would be honored to put my skill set to work in this capacity for the people of the 7th district."

The daughter of a career federal law enforcement officer and a nurse, Abigail's calling toward public service came early. "I was raised to believe that, as an American, the greatest profession I could pursue would be one in service to my country," Spanberger recalls. Abigail grew up in Henrico County and attended J.R. Tucker High School. After graduating from the University of Virginia and earning an international MBA from a joint program through Purdue University and the GISMA business school in Germany, Abigail followed in her father's footsteps by becoming a federal law enforcement officer with the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, working narcotics and money laundering. From there, she chose to bring her foreign language skills and passion for understanding complex issues to the CIA, where she served in the US and abroad.

With her husband, Adam, and their three daughters, Abigail returned to her hometown of Richmond in 2014 and began a career with EAB - Royall & Company. She has since decided to leave the private sector and return to public service. Having built a team of veteran strategists, communicators, and fundraisers, Abigail is ready to commit herself to her campaign full time.

"This wouldn't be possible without the support of my friends and family," Spanberger insists. "But the best way to thank them is to pursue this effort with the same commitment to honor, duty, and service that I've held my entire life."

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