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**EMILY's List Endorses Abigail Spanberger**

GLEN ALLEN, VA — Today, Abigail Spanberger, former CIA operations officer and Democratic candidate for Virginia's 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, received the endorsement of EMILY's List, the nation's largest resource for women in politics.

"I am proud and honored to receive the EMILY's List endorsement!" said Spanberger. "Our campaign is the first one in Virginia to receive this incredible endorsement, and I believe it is a true testament to the strong foundation we've built with the help of hundreds of volunteers and thousands of donors in the Commonwealth and beyond. Thank you, Stephanie, for recognizing the strength of our campaign and my commitment to representing everyone in Virginia's 7<sup>th</sup> District."

In the endorsement announcement from EMILY's List, President Stephanie Schriock cited Abigail's CIA career and her commitment to "taking on the tough fights and serving her country." Schriock continued, "Dave Brat has shown zero political courage and no ability to do right by working families. Abigail, on the other hand, is not afraid to engage with voters, listen to their concerns, and represent their best interests in Washington. It's time for Brat to go, and EMILY's List is so proud to be supporting a candidate like Abigail to take his place."

The endorsement adds to a growing list of former candidates and community leaders backing Spanberger's campaign. Earlier this month, Henrico County Commonwealth's Attorney, [Shannon Taylor](#), endorsed. In 2017, former 7th District Democratic challengers [Eileen Bedell](#) and [Jack Trammell](#) officially endorsed. Other candidates, including former 2018 primary opponent [Kim Gower](#), House of Delegate Democratic nominees Larry Barnett (HD-27), Sheila Bynum-Coleman (HD62), and Melissa Dart (HD-56), have announced their support of Spanberger.

*Abigail Spanberger is a former CIA officer running for Congress against Dave Brat in Virginia's 7th Congressional District. She believes in leadership that flows from our shared American values of integrity, responsibility, and decency, and she wants to work to move this country forward together. To learn more, please visit [AbigailSpanberger.com](http://AbigailSpanberger.com).*

*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. Learn more about their work [here](#).*

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