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## Jack Trammell, Former 7th District Democratic Candidate, Endorses Abigail Spanberger

GLEN ALLEN, VA – Today, former Congressional candidate for Virginia's 7th District, Jack Trammell, endorsed Abigail Spanberger's bid for the 2018 Democratic nomination. Trammell was the first Democrat to challenge Congressman Dave Brat in 2014.

"I am excited to see a candidate of Abigail's caliber challenging Congressman Brat," said Trammell. "She has the background, service record, and momentum to make this race truly competitive and I am happy to put my full support behind her candidacy."

Trammell, a professor at Randolph Macon College, is also a former colleague of Congressman Brat's -- but that's where the similarities end. The 2014 congressional race established the candidates as having considerably divergent outlooks for the 7th district, and Trammell hopes to see change in 2018.

Trammell expressed enthusiasm for the Spanberger campaign and for the promising future it could mean for the district. "Abigail's commitment to the district is obvious, as is the support she has gathered here. I appreciate her focus on listening to our neighbors to understand the issues most important to us, and her desire to represent everyone in our communities. I'm confident that she can win against the incumbent, and I look forward to continuing my support of her campaign and ultimately seeing her in Washington."

The endorsement adds to a growing list of former candidates who have publicly supported the Spanberger campaign, including Professor Kim Gower. While Mr. Trammell's pursuit of politics may be behind him for now, his 30-year career in education and public service brings a wealth of experience and insight into a growing campaign. "I feel honored to have Jack's endorsement!" said Spanberger. "He has been an excellent resource to my campaign and me, and I truly appreciate his advice and invaluable insights about the district and this race. As we continue building out our strong team, I'm proud to have Jack's support."

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