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**Governor Ralph Northam Endorses Abigail Spanberger for Congress**

RICHMOND, VA — Today, Governor Ralph Northam endorsed Abigail Spanberger in her bid to represent Virginia's 7th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. Spanberger decisively won the Democratic primary race, with 73% of the vote.

"I am excited to endorse Abigail Spanberger's campaign to be the next Congresswoman from central Virginia," Northam said. "Now more than ever, we need thoughtful, dedicated individuals in Congress who are focused on delivering results for Virginia families and who are willing to stand up against policies and rhetoric that take us backwards. Abigail's service as a CIA officer exemplifies the honor, integrity, and selflessness that central Virginians deserve in their next representative."

"I am grateful to receive Governor Northam's endorsement," said Spanberger. "He continues to work tirelessly on behalf of the people of the Commonwealth, and his example of service and commitment to our communities is one I deeply respect. I value his support and encouragement, and I look forward to working with Governor Northam to win this seat in November and ultimately serve the district well as its next Congressperson."

Governor Northam's endorsement follows Spanberger's victory in the Democratic Primary and a host of recent endorsements including [EMILY's List](#), [End Citizens United](#), [NARAL Pro-Choice America](#), [Senator Kirsten Gillibrand's Off the Sidelines](#), and numerous elected leaders, including Virginia Delegates [Dawn Adams](#), [Debra Rodman](#), and [Schuyler VanValkenburg](#), as well as [Richmond Mayor Levar Stoney](#). She will face Republican Congressman Dave Brat in November.

*Abigail Spanberger is a proud Democrat and 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).*

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