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**Abigail Spanberger Demonstrates Impressive Early Momentum and Local Support,  
Raising More Than \$240,000 with the Majority of Donors from Virginia**

GLEN ALLEN, VA – Abigail Spanberger, a former CIA operations officer and current Democratic candidate in Virginia’s 7th Congressional District, announced today that she has raised more than \$243,000 from mostly Virginians in her first quarter challenging Rep. Dave Brat. This initial, early support demonstrates the incredible momentum of her campaign and highlights her strong ties to the community. Spanberger collected more than 900 individual contributions, and more than 70% of Spanberger’s donors are Virginians, with the greatest concentration in Central Virginia.

“I am inspired and energized by the outpouring of support from Virginians and others committed to bringing new leadership to Washington,” said Spanberger. “Each contribution is an investment in what, I believe, is a new and better direction for the families of our district, and I’m truly humbled by the support.”

Since launching her campaign on July 10, Spanberger has attended dozens of community events and meet and greets across the district’s 10 counties. Her experiences in federal law enforcement, as a CIA officer, and in the private sector are resonating with Virginians.

“I’ve been listening to what’s on the minds of voters throughout our communities. People want and deserve a representative who will listen and work to find solutions to the challenges we’re facing,” Spanberger said. “I entered this race to be a voice for the people in my hometown, and I’m excited and proud that the majority of our initial supporters live right here in Virginia. The families of the 7th district deserve better leadership than they’ve gotten, and I plan to continue to work hard to earn their faith and support.”

This successful first quarter adds to the momentum generated earlier this fall when former 7th Congressional District candidate, Kim Gower, ended her campaign and [threw her full support behind Spanberger](#).

**Background:**

Spanberger began her career of public service as a federal law enforcement officer working narcotics and money laundering cases. She then joined the CIA as an operations officer. While with the CIA, Spanberger collected intelligence, managed assets, and oversaw high-profile programs abroad, in service to the United States. In 2014, she left public service to begin a

career in the private sector and bring her family back home to Central Virginia. Spanberger left EAB-Royall & Company when she launched her full-time Congressional campaign in July. Spanberger grew up in Short Pump, in Henrico County. She attended J.R. Tucker High School, served as a Senate Page for US Senator Chuck Robb (D-VA), and graduated from the University of Virginia. Abigail earned her MBA from a dual-degree German-American program between the GISMA Business School and Purdue University. Abigail and her husband, Adam, live with their children in Glen Allen.

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