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## **Spanberger Announces Town Hall Commitment**

GLEN ALLEN, VA — On the one-year anniversary of Congressman Dave Brat's last town hall with constituents, Democratic Congressional candidate Abigail Spanberger has announced that if elected, she will hold a town hall in every county of the district during her first year in Congress.

"I believe that our elected officials have a responsibility to listen to the concerns and ideas of their constituents. Our representative democracy doesn't work if our representatives aren't accessible and accountable to those they're supposed represent," said Spanberger. "That's why, if elected to Congress, I will hold a town hall in every county of the District my first year in office."

Spanberger attended Rep. Brat's 2017 town halls and found his unwillingness to listen to his constituents unacceptable. She recalls the sense of frustration the residents in the audience shared.

"At the town hall following the Congressman's vote to repeal ACA, there were people in that crowd who were worried for their lives, for their children's lives," Spanberger said. "There was no indication that he [Congressman Brat] appreciated the severity of the situation, or was willing to look past his ideology to actually understand how his vote would have impacted Virginians and why it was so upsetting for so many of his constituents. As a candidate, I have now had a glimpse of the trust that voters place in those they think can help them, and it's a humbling and profound responsibility to receive that trust. I do not believe our current Representative sees it that way."

With five weeks remaining until the Democratic primary election, Abigail Spanberger plans to continue making health care and bringing better representation to the 7th District key components of her platform.

*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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