

Derek Merrin and a Historical Election

In May, we ran a Q&A from Congressional Candidate Derek Merrin shortly after his primary win. With a month left until the General Election, Merrin could be on the cusp of making history. Here are his responses to issues facing families in District 9 that was originally published in May.

Two years ago, you came within a couple of points of winning the 9th District Congressional race. The district has been re-drawn again, so how do you rate your chances for winning this time around?

I'm very confident we will prevail. In 2024, we came within less than one percent of defeating Marcy Kaptur, and the new district lines have strengthened the opportunity for Republicans to win this seat in November. Recent polling has us LEADING: Merrin (47%), Kaptur (43%), Libertarian (3%) and undecided at (7%).

That said, we cannot take anything for granted. This will be a hard-fought race, and we know Kaptur and her radical left allies will spend millions attacking me. But I believe voters are ready for fresh, new leadership that will fight for lower costs, secure borders, and common-sense values.

With the momentum we've built and the continued support of grassroots conservatives across the district, we are in a strong position to prevail and uplift NW Ohio.

What do you see as the top issues facing America in these mid-terms?

The top issues facing Americans are the need to lower the cost of living, ensure safe communities, and restore trust in our government.

First, families are being crushed by the high cost of living that Joe Biden and Democrats burdened us with. Inflation, rising energy prices, and high grocery costs are making it harder for working Americans to get ahead. People want leaders who will fight for lower taxes, affordable energy, and policies that help workers and families thrive.

Americans want safe and secure communities. Families deserve to be safe in their neighborhoods, schools, and workplaces. That means supporting law enforcement, cracking down on violent crime, and continuing to combat the scourge of illegal immigration.

Folks are tired of career politicians that are out of touch and have been in Washington too long. Voters want accountability, transparency, and representatives who will go to Washington and do their job and leave, unlike Marcy Kaptur.

What are some of the issues you'll highlight during the campaign – either as your strengths or as your opponent's weaknesses?

I plan to focus on issues that matter most to families in our district and contrast them with the failed record of Marcy Kaptur's 43 years in Washington.

I will highlight the urgent need to strengthen our economy. Families are struggling with high prices. We must advance policies that bring down costs, support small businesses, and strengthen American energy production. I'll emphasize the importance of standing with law enforcement, putting American citizens first, and uplifting Northwest Ohio to become more prosperous.

On the other hand, Marcy Kaptur has spent 43 years in DC making government bigger – with higher prices, more regulations, increased debt, and standing with the radical left on issues like allowing men to play women sports. Rather than solving real problems, she has made health care more expensive, fought American energy production, and has a record of being one the least effective members of Congress.

This race is about whether we continue down that path or bring fresh, new leadership to Northwest Ohio.

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