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Congressional Black Caucus PAC Endorses Missy Cotter Smasal In Virginia's Second Congressional Seat

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. – Today, Missy Cotter Smasal – a Navy veteran, former small business owner, and mom – announced that the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) PAC endorsed her campaign for Virginia's Second Congressional District.

Quote From CBC PAC Chairman

"I am thankful for the leadership of and support from the Congressional Black Caucus PAC and said **Missy Cotter Smasal, Democratic nominee for Virginia's 2nd Congressional District.** "Black voters in Coastal Virginia are integral to this community, our national security, and our local economy. I'm committed to uplifting the concerns and voices of black voters, who are too often ignored by our current representative. I will work to protect voting rights, both nationally and locally, defend abortion rights, and advocate for economic opportunity and prosperity for all."

Missy also has the support of local Black leaders including Rep. Jennifer McClellan (VA-04) and Rep. Bobby Scott (VA-03), State Senators Louise Lucas (SD-18) and Lamont Babgy (SD-05), State Delegates Nadarius Clark (HD-84), Alex Askew (HD-95) and Michael Feggans (HD-97), and Former State Delegate Jay Jones (HD-89).

BACKGROUND

Missy Cotter Smasal served as a Surface Warfare Officer in the U.S. Navy and deployed aboard the U.S.S. Trenton during Operation Enduring Freedom. After her active duty service, Missy started a small business in Virginia Beach, Rita's Shore Drive, which she owned and operated for more than 10 years.

Missy currently serves as the Virginia Citizen Representative on the Chesapeake Bay Commission, a bipartisan commission that has achieved consistently strong and effective results in pursuit of Bay restoration goals. She is the Executive Director for Valor Run, a local non-profit that produces running events to honor the U.S. military women who have served our nation since 9/11. She is also an adjunct professor at Old Dominion University.

She and her husband, Bryan, who served as an Army Officer, are the proud parents of two great kids in Virginia Beach City Public Schools. Missy is running for Congress to fight for coastal Virginians, military families, and veterans. She will stand up for our local values and priorities, and push back against extreme politicians in DC.

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