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Missy Cotter Smasal Makes her Way Across VA-02 on the First Weekend of Early Voting



VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. – September 20th marked the first day of early voting in Virginia, and House Democratic Nominee, Missy Cotter Smasal, has been working her way across Virginia’s 2nd Congressional District. Her first stop on Friday morning was near the **Virginia Beach** Registrar’s Office for a rally with local candidates and officials to build upon voter mobilization efforts for this historic election year.



Saturday, Cotter Smasal greeted voters in **Suffolk** at the local Democratic Committee’s annual fundraiser and met with volunteers and supporters door knocking.

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Her next stop was the **Eastern Shore** where she joined the congregations of two churches. Following her morning visits, Cotter Smasal spoke at an Accomack Together We Win Rally and the potluck on Chincoteague alongside Senator Tim Kaine to galvanize voters.

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Rounding out the weekend's visits throughout the District, Cotter Smasal joined business and non-profit leaders across **Franklin** for several tours focusing on early childhood education, food insecurity, business growth, and higher education. The Children's Center highlighted the success of the Head Start Program.



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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