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**LAWRENCEVILLE, GA** — Today State Senator Zahra Karinshak was endorsed by Second Service Coalition, a group made up of nine veteran members of Congress and formed in partnership with New Politics, a group dedicated to electing servant leaders.

Second Service Coalition is made up of the following members of Congress:

- Rep. Chrissy Houlahan (PA-06)
- Rep. Mikie Sherrill (NJ-11)
- Rep. Jason Crow (CO-06)
- Rep. Max Rose (NY-11)
- Rep. Gil Cisneros (CA-39)
- Rep. Elaine Luria (VA-02)
- Rep. Seth Moulton (MA-06)
- Rep. Elissa Slotkin (MI-08)
- Rep. Abigail Spanberger (VA-07)

“Our democracy exists today because of the generations of selfless men and women who have answered the call to serve – whether in uniform or through public service,” said Rep. Crow. “The strength of our country lies in both our values and in the people who -- time and again -- willingly stand up to defend them. I’m proud to stand with New Politics and this dynamic group of servant leaders to make sure our democracy works for everyone.”

“I’m proud to be endorsed by Second Service Coalition,” State Senator Karinshak said. “I strapped on my combat boots to run for Congress because I’m driven by duty, honor, and service, the same ideals that have guided me throughout my whole life and that I know guide the members of Second Service Coalition. I look forward to serving alongside this incredible group of veterans once I get to Congress.”

In addition to receiving the endorsement of Second Service Coalition, Zahra also received an endorsement from Congressman Seth Moulton (MA-06)'s Serve America PAC last week.

### **ABOUT ZAHRA KARINSHAK**

Zahra Karinshak, a veteran and former federal prosecutor, was elected to the State Senate in 2018. She won the seat, long held by Republicans, with 53.6% of the vote, and went on to be elected by her colleagues as Chairwoman of the Gwinnett Senate delegation. In addition to her service as a State Senator, Karinshak is a partner at the Atlanta law firm Krevolin & Horst where she leads the firm's whistleblower practice, working with clients to expose fraud and corruption at the highest levels.

Karinshak and her husband Bruce, a West Point graduate who served in the Army as a Combat Engineer, have lived for the past 25 years in Lawrenceville, GA where they've raised their two teenage daughters.

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**WASHINGTON, DC** — U.S. Representatives Chrissy Houlahan (PA-06), Mikie Sherrill (NJ- 11), Jason Crow (CO-06), and Max Rose (NY-11) today joined with [New Politics](#) to launch the Second Service Coalition, a movement to elevate and organize the collective voice of incumbent House members and Congressional candidates who have dedicated their lives to serving our country. The four Co-Chairs are joined in the Coalition by Representatives Gil Cisneros (CA-39), Elaine Lauria (VA-02), Seth Moulton (MA-06), Elissa Slotkin (MI-08), and Abigail Spanberger (VA-07).

The Coalition builds on the movement that gained force during the 2018 midterm campaign, when New Politics worked with service candidates across the country to build a national community of political service leaders. Now in Congress, those same leaders are partnering with New Politics to empower the next generation of courageous political leadership. At its launch, the Second Service Coalition is endorsing seven service candidates from around the country: Dan Feehan (MN-01), Nikki Foster (OH-01), Jackie Gordon (NY- 02), Gina Ortiz Jones (TX-23), Kai Kahele (HI-02), Zahra Karinshak (GA-07), and Kim Olson (TX-24).

**“The Second Service Coalition is more than just one fundraising agreement, one group of candidates, or even one election cycle -- it’s a movement to change politics,”** said Emily Cherniack, Founder and Executive Director of New Politics. **“This is a movement of remarkable servant leaders who have the core values and courage to rebuild trust in our government and redefine what public service is all about. At a time when so many politicians are just focused on themselves, these leaders understand that they’re stronger when they work together and lift others up. We’re honored to partner with them in this journey to transform our country by bringing service values to politics.”**

Rep. Houlihan said, **“It has never been more critical for us to lift up the voices of leaders who know what it means to put people over politics. I’m excited to stand alongside my fellow service veterans and help build this community of service driven leaders who have the power to transform Washington, and our country, in the years to come.”**

Rep. Sherrill said, **“I learned from my time in the Navy that we’re at our best when we put aside our differences and focus on the mission first. Our mission is to serve the people who sent us to Washington and it’s a privilege to support this next generation of service-driven leaders.”**

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Rep. Rose said, **“Whether in the classroom, on the battlefield, or in our intelligence agencies, this cohort has demonstrated they know how to get things done. Our country is better when we elect leaders who are cleareyed in their commitment to public service and in putting the best interest of their communities over partisan politics. I’m ready to get to work to make sure we send as many of them as we can to Washington.”**

Through joint fundraising, speaking events, policy discussions, candidate endorsement and mentoring, the Second Service Coalition will create a collective voice for servant leaders in office, empower more service veterans to run for office, and build the next generation of political leadership. New Politics will complement the Coalition’s candidate mentoring with their own strategic advising, which includes communications, field, and political strategy, in addition to campaign fundraising and team building support.

The Second Service Coalition will host a launch fundraiser on February 13th in New York City, followed by joint events with service candidates throughout the election cycle. The Coalition will conduct fundraising activities through a joint fundraising agreement that will divide donations between the members’ reelection campaigns and the endorsed candidates. During the 2018 cycle, New Politics raised over \$7 million for service candidates around the country and service candidates were responsible for many of the biggest wins around the country, showing a unique ability to attract voters from both parties.

## **ABOUT REPRESENTATIVE HOULAHAN**

U.S. Representative Chrissy Houlihan is an Air Force veteran, engineer, entrepreneur, and educator who is

continuing her career of service as the first woman ever to represent Pennsylvania's 6th District in Congress. She earned her engineering degree from Stanford with an ROTC scholarship that launched her service in the U.S. Air Force and Air Force Reserves, and later earned her M.S. in Technology and Policy from MIT. Chrissy has helped lead several thriving Southeastern Pennsylvania companies including AND1, a basketball apparel company headquartered in Paoli, and B Lab, the organization that launched the B Corporation movement. She went on to serve in Teach for America as a chemistry teacher at Simon Gratz High School in North Philadelphia and then led and scaled a non-profit helping thousands of underserved students all across America build their literacy skills. She is committed to fighting for access to quality, affordable health care, common sense gun safety, government accountability and transparency, and working to build a strong, stable economy with good jobs and good benefits for everyone.

### **ABOUT REPRESENTATIVE SHERRILL**

Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill proudly represents New Jersey's 11th Congressional District. After graduating from the United States Naval Academy in 1994, Congresswoman Sherrill spent almost 10 years on active duty in the United States Navy. She flew missions throughout Europe and the Middle East as a Sea King helicopter pilot, worked on the Battle Watch Floor in the European Theater during the Iraq invasion, and served as a Flag Aide to the Deputy Commander in Chief of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet. Congresswoman Sherrill attended law school after leaving the Navy in 2003, earning a degree from Georgetown University. She worked as a lawyer and eventually joined the U.S. Attorney's Office in New Jersey. As an Assistant U.S. Attorney, Congresswoman Sherrill worked to keep our communities safe, prosecuting federal cases and advising law enforcement on investigations. Congresswoman Sherrill holds a bachelor's degree from the United States Naval Academy, a Master's degree in Global History from the London School of Economics and Political Science, and a Law degree from Georgetown University. Congresswoman Sherrill serves as Freshman Whip for the New Democrat Coalition, and sits on the House Armed Services Committee and the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee. She is the Chairwoman of the Environment Subcommittee for the Science, Space, and Technology Committee.

### **ABOUT REPRESENTATIVE CROW**

A former Army Ranger and lawyer, Congressman Jason Crow represents Colorado's Sixth Congressional District, encompassing Aurora and parts of Adams and Douglas Counties. Jason worked his way through college before enlisting in the Army and serving our country in Iraq and Afghanistan. Upon returning home, Jason struggled to get his veterans benefits so he went to work helping veterans across Colorado. As an attorney, Jason was named Denver's Pro-bono Lawyer of the Year for work helping service members transition from military to civilian life. A proven reformer, Jason is working to strengthen our democracy and fight the influence of money in politics through ethics and campaign finance reform.

### **ABOUT REPRESENTATIVE ROSE**

An army veteran and former non-profit healthcare executive, Congressman Max Rose proudly serves New York's 11th Congressional District, representing Staten Island and Southern Brooklyn. Max currently serves on the House Committee on Homeland Security. As a member from New York City, he works to ensure our city and country are properly prepared to defend against any threats, while bringing fresh ideas and perspective to the Committee's work, especially on emergency preparedness and response, infrastructure protection, and transportation security. As a proud veteran of the U.S. Army, Max is honored to also serve on the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. As a Member of the committee, he will work to get perverse incentives out of the system, deliver better and more affordable care, and ensure we are providing holistic care for those who put everything on the line to protect our country. Max served as an active

duty officer in Afghanistan from 2012-2013 and earned a Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and Combat Infantry Badge. Max is Ranger-qualified and continues to serve in the National Guard and is the first post-9/11 combat veteran to represent New York City. Following his Army service, Max worked as Director of Public Engagement and Special Assistant to the late Brooklyn District Attorney Ken Thompson. Prior to being elected to Congress, Max was the Chief of Staff for Brightpoint Health, a non-profit healthcare organization that has effectively provided care and responded to the needs of underserved New Yorkers for more than 25 years. Max received a B.A. in history from Wesleyan University and M.S.C. in Philosophy and Public Policy from the London School of Economics.

## **ABOUT NEW POLITICS**

New Politics is a bipartisan organization that aims to revitalize American democracy by recruiting, developing, and electing leaders who have committed their lives to serving our country, either through the military or national service organizations like AmeriCorps or the Peace Corps. New Politics support includes strategic advising and training in all aspects of a candidate's campaign, such as fundraising, communications, organizing, hiring, and team building. New Politics has raised more than \$8.5 million for their candidates, electing more than 30 of them to office, from Congress to School Board.

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