



"Mr. Chicken outside Rep. Smith's Rt. 35 office
brothers

In Middletown. Where is Chris Smith?
our house

Middletown. 1985ish



Bob English



My mom and dad, my two
and dog Chopper outside
on GlenOak Dr. in

As of January 1st, 20 million Americans risk losing their health insurance due to the so-called "Big Beautiful Bill," which passed with the support of Chris Smith, our congressman of 45 years. Incredibly, this measure provides extending significant tax breaks for well-connected billionaires, while making healthcare less affordable for working class families. Due to Congressman Smith's ongoing failure to represent the working-class men and women of his district (highlighted by decades without Open Public Town Hall Meetings), **I will be seeking the Democratic nomination in New Jersey CD4 to run in the November, 2026 election.**

I believe that 2026 will bring a unique opportunity to have Rep. Smith stay in Virginia where he has been living for decades. Having participated in many rallies outside of Smith's Middletown and Toms River offices, I have listened to the concerns that many residents of CD4 have. These **are not Red or Blue** issues, but issues that most residents of the district find important. **Chris Smith is on the wrong side of most of them and his silence is complicit!**

Smith is a bit too comfortable, believing he is safely ensconced in Washington after 45 years. It's time for change. As the Democratic candidate for CD4, I will do a much better job representing your interests on issues such as:

- **Housing Affordability and everyday living expenses, including the cost of Housing, Food Prices, Utilities etc.**
 - **AFFORDABLE Health Insurance Coverage and Prescription Drug Costs. Restore the ACA subsidies. I support a gradual conversion to Medicare For All.**
 - **Protecting a woman's Right to Choose, with an emphasis on assisting low-income mothers who want to carry a baby to term. Advocate for increased adoption aid.**
 - **Stopping the transfer of wealth from the poor and middle class to the billionaires...No more voting for tax cuts for billionaires while cutting programs for the poor and middle class! Supporting legislation to lessen the influence of billionaires and eliminate Dark Money! The top 1% of Americans hold 29% of total household wealth. The top 10% of Americans hold 67% of total household wealth while the bottom 90% hold 33%.**
 - **Protecting the environment, including seeking/supporting alternate sources of energy. No more wars for oil!**
 - **Stand behind our ally Ukraine, which does not ask for American troops just the means to defend itself from Putin's aggression and war crimes. Trump claimed that Ukraine was the aggressor in the war, the residents of CD4 know that it was Putin/Russia who attacked Ukraine!**
 - **No cuts to programs that support special needs children and adults. Continue to fund research into serious medical issues especially those that affect children.**
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- **Stronger Consumer Protections and more prosecutions of online criminals that take advantage of everyday Americans through all sorts of fraud.**
 - **Publish all Epstein files, redacting only victims' names.**
 - **Support an immigration policy which at a starting point is along the lines of the Bipartisan Immigration Bill the "*Path To Citizenship*" which had some Republican support in 2024 until Trump told Republican lawmakers not to be in favor of that bill.**
 - **Support term limits for members of Congress. Members of Congress that are in Washington for decades, are totally out of touch with the challenges faced by men and women back home.**

Brief Bio:

- **Growing up in the Belford and New Monmouth areas of Middletown my mom was a long-time 2nd grade teacher at Harmony School. Both of my parents were very active at St. Mary's Church.**
- **I attended Mater Dei High School and graduated in 1981 from the University of Scranton with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration.**
- **After owning a condo in Brick for roughly 8 years in the mid 1980's-mid 1990's, I have lived in Eatontown with my family for 30+ years.**
- **I am married and the father of two (and one very spoiled dog!)**
- **Having worked in various sales capacities throughout most of my career for Aervoe Industries, I am currently semi-retired and working part-time at Acme in Little Silver. Member of UFCW Local 464A.**
- **I have been a very active volunteer in my community for decades in groups such as the PTA, Eatontown Baseball League and Cub Pack 52. I am currently a member of the Eatontown Economic Advisory Committee, the Eatontown Lions Club, and was recently appointed to the Eatontown Senior Housing Board.**
- **I served 4 elected terms (13+ years) on the Eatontown Board of Education, including eight as President.**

A Facebook page will be live in the next few days. In the meanwhile, if you have any questions or would like to be added to my email list, please reach out to me at the email below.

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