

The election cycle continues with primaries

With petitioning now behind us, we've officially reached an important milestone in the election cycle. Thank you to everyone who signed a petition, welcomed volunteers to your doorstep or helped gather signatures. Your participation ensures that our democratic process remains strong and accessible. Petitioning may not always get the spotlight, but it is a critical first step in giving voters real choices at the ballot box.

Now, we move into the next phase: the primary election. Based on the petitions filed, there will be a Democratic primary to challenge Nick Langworthy for New York's 23rd Congressional District. The Democratic primary will take place on

June 23rd, when voters will choose between Aaron Gies and Kevin Stocker.

This race comes at a time when many voters in Clarence are questioning whether their representative is truly working for them. Congressman Langworthy has consistently aligned himself with Donald Trump, often supporting positions that reflect national political agendas rather than the day-to-day concerns of the communities he represents. For many in Clarence and throughout NY-23, that raises an important question: who is really being represented in Washington?

Primaries are where voters begin to answer that question. They provide an opportunity to choose a

candidate who will bring independent thinking, thoughtful leadership and a genuine focus on constituents, not blind allegiance to any one political figure.

The Clarence Democratic Committee has endorsed Aaron Gies, believing he represents that kind of leadership. Gies has built his campaign around listening to voters and focusing on practical, community-driven solutions. His priorities include strengthening the local economy, supporting working families, protecting access to quality health care and advocating for responsible,

common-sense policies that reflect the real needs of Clarence residents and the whole NY-23 district. He has emphasized accountability and independence, positioning himself as a candidate who will bring thoughtful decision-making to Washington rather than simply following national party pressure.

As we move forward, your voice continues to matter. Stay informed, engage in the conversation and make a plan to vote on June 23rd. Petitioning got us here, but participation will decide what comes next.



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