



Michigan-First Constituent Service Plan

Elected officials are public servants first and foremost. The title of Representative means we go to Washington to **represent** the people of the district. We must show up, listen, and answer to our constituents above all else, to learn how we can effectively represent them.

In my time as a community organizer and now as a candidate, I've met countless Michiganders who feel their elected officials care more about corporate donors and monied interests than working people like them. I know that being an elected official is about more than just casting votes in Washington. It means being a constant presence in our community and looking out for our neighbors.

Our current representative, Tom Barrett, has failed that test. Time and time again, constituents report being neglected or flat-out ignored. They even delivered a petition with over 2,000 signatures to his office urging him to host an in-person town hall, but Barrett has built a [reputation](#) for [dodging public town halls](#). In fact, residents have seen empty chairs on stage more times than they've seen Tom Barrett. An [empty chair](#) represented him at a two-hour AFL-CIO town hall last April. Another empty chair sat at a [town hall](#) at Michigan State University where over 300 constituents waited. One of his constituents, Curtis Hamilton, [told reporters](#) that he feels Barrett is "afraid of going in front of a general audience of unfiltered, unvetted people."

In response, Barrett set up a virtual town hall that was [plagued with technical difficulties](#) and left the needs of constituents unmet. Multiple residents told local news they [could not sign](#) into the event and [never received confirmation](#). One of our neighbors [told the news](#) that the community thinks Barrett is "invisible." The Congressman has made accessing him nearly impossible during his time in office.

This is a pattern we've seen time and time again: politicians breaking their oath to the people they serve, shutting out the very people who elected them, and only listening to corporate donors and DC insiders. That is exactly why people have lost faith in government. I will work to rebuild trust, from the bottom up.



I have not waited to get to Washington to make a change and show up for the district. I have pulled up a desk and chairs to hold in-person, unscripted events in every corner of MI-07. I even set up a desk [outside of Tom Barrett's office](#) to give constituents an opportunity to voice their concerns and experience true public service in action.

My commitment to the people of Michigan's 7th Congressional District is clear: I will always listen to the people of this district, and I will always answer to you first. I will run my constituent services office the same way I have run this campaign: accessible, responsive, and built to serve you. Here is my plan.

1. Quarterly In-Person, Unscripted Town Halls

Elected officials have a responsibility to be publicly available and answer directly to voters. In stark contrast to my opponent, I am committing to hosting quarterly town halls so voters can meet with me directly. These will be in-person and unscripted — only voters and my honest answers.

2. In-Person, Mobile, and Virtual Office Hours

I am committing to regular “office hours,” when staff will be available for drop-in meetings and hands-on support for constituents. Since not everyone has access to reliable transportation, we will also bring our office to you — at local libraries, community centers, and public spaces. My office will ensure everyone has the opportunity to meet with caring staff and receive help with whatever challenges they may be facing. We will also run these virtually for those who are unable to make it in person.

3. Faster Response Times

No one should have to wait months to receive a response to their questions or concerns. We will prioritize timely communications that make sure that your needs are heard. If for any reason you aren't able to reach us by phone, we will do our best to follow up on calls without extended delays or holdups.

4. Dedicated Liaison for Veterans and Seniors

We will assign a member of our staff to make sure that veterans and seniors in our community are being connected with essential services and having their needs met. This member of staff will also make



themselves accessible by regularly visiting local veterans halls, senior centers, and community gatherings.

5. Close Partnerships with Community Organizations

Congressional offices cannot solve every problem alone. Supporting our community must include strong partnerships with community-based health, housing, and public safety organizations, along with other groups with the ability to connect people with vital services. My office will work closely with these organizations and ensure we are leveraging every possible resource for our neighbors.

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