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Domestic Violence Advocate Cassandra Tanner Miller Announces Run for Congress

Suburban Mother and Advocate Who Championed “Colton’s Law” Promises to Bring the Same Relentless Advocacy to the IL-11th

Gilberts, IL—Cassandra Tanner Miller didn’t choose advocacy, the circumstances chose her. When faced with an unfathomable tragedy, she resolved to turn her heartbreak into action. She identified a glaring gap in the system and set about working with Illinois legislators to close the loophole that caused her family’s tragedy. Today, she announced she’s taking her fight to Congress, running as a Republican in Illinois’ 11th District as living proof that social justice advocacy is not just for Democrats.

As a lifelong Republican, Miller worked with Republican and Democrat lawmakers alike to promote “Colton’s Law” which was named after her son who was murdered. Her relentless efforts resulted in a safeguard for the abused, but she says there is still much left to do.

“Advocacy for common-sense solutions shouldn’t be partisan, and I’m here to say we’ve proven that it doesn’t have to be,” Miller said. “When ‘Colton’s Law’ unanimously passed the Illinois House and Senate, no one stopped to ask if this was a Republican or Democrat bill. That’s the way it should be. In Congress, I will advocate for common-sense, bipartisan solutions that serve the interests of the 11th District.”

The current Democrat-controlled Congress is too focused on hyper-partisan squabbles to achieve any meaningful legislation, and Bill Foster is more of a rubber stamp for Nancy Pelosi than representing the interests of the district. Miller is sick and tired of common-sense issues becoming politicized and pledges to serve the diverse interests of the community.

Miller will push for strong local police agencies given the training and resources they need to deal with difficult issues such as domestic violence, and sees the growing anti-police rhetoric as no small attribution to the national erosion of public safety. “No Cash Bail,” which is an element of the “Defund the Police” movement, is an especially personal affront to Miller.

“Had my ex-husband not been released on an I-bond, my son would still be alive,” Miller said. “No cash bail is a tremendous safety concern for our communities and will cost more lives.”

Cassandra Tanner Miller isn’t a politician, and she’s not a partisan ideologue. She’s a new kind of Republican who wants to see her party focus on the common-sense, kitchen table issues that working families actually care about. Cassandra Tanner Miller is a relentless advocate, and she wants to be your advocate in Congress.

About Cassandra Tanner Miller: *As a leader on domestic violence issues, Cassandra Tanner Miller is running for Congress to bring a voice to the many people who are being left behind voiceless. Having lived the experience of suffering the ultimate tragedy, she is able to bring awareness and a face to the failures we have as a state and country. Safety begins at home and domestic violence is not an isolated issue; it incorporates many issues we need to address federally for the hopes of a safer tomorrow.*

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