

Soldati for Congress Campaign Announcement
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- I'm a New Hampshire native. I was born here, raised a family here.
- It's always been important to me to try and make a difference in the lives of others; in particular those who are most in need and most vulnerable.
- Today I announce a decision that I hope will allow me to continue making a difference: I am running for Congress in New Hampshire's First District.
- Spent nearly 40 years as a trial attorney and as a statewide leader fighting for victim's rights, and as an advocate for criminal justice reform.
- I've been an out spoken activist, a teacher, and an elected public official.
- From an early age my parents instilled in me the value of hard work and an understanding that all work is noble.
- I was proud to serve my community as Strafford County Attorney for nearly 18 years, where I implemented a trailblazing Victims Assistance Program.
- Over the span of 30 years I have testified before several NH Senate and House committees on issues relating to criminal justice reform, victim's rights, juvenile justice, and the repeal of the death penalty.
- I have trained judges, attorneys, police, medical personnel, rape crisis counselors, and students about issues concerning sexual assault victims.
- I've also served on the Somersworth School Board, as well as the City's Charter Commission, and in 2009 was elected Somersworth's Mayor.
- This past winter I felt compelled to drive to North Dakota to help the Native American community of Standing Rock fight for the protection of their water rights — an experience which instilled in me the Sioux value: "to be of use."
- Everything I did in my career I did for a simple reason: to try to make the biggest difference I could for the people who needed it most.
- Looking out on today's political landscape, I find myself again asking the question: what am I doing to make a difference in this world?
- It is this question that has compelled me to run for the chance to serve as New Hampshire's next Congressman.
- Since "Citizens United" was decided we have seen the decline of democracy in our country. The influence of money in politics has eroded our democratic institutions and diminished voice of the average citizen.

- The voters of New Hampshire want this election determined by the voters in our state, not the moneyed interests in Washington and K Street.
- That's why I'm making the same commitment that Congresswoman Shea-Porter did throughout her time in Congress: I pledge to refuse all contributions from corporate PACs and DC lobbyists, and I urge my opponents on both sides to do the same. Granite Staters deserve elected representatives who answer to them, not DC lobbyists.
- The people of the First District were given a bait-and-switch: We heard promises from our President that he would "drain the swamp" — he didn't, he just restocked it.
- He restocked it with millionaires and billionaires more interested in enriching themselves than listening to the needs of regular Americans.
- Trump cabinet members fly across this country in private jets on the taxpayer's dime, including to my own state, just to tell people that the affordable healthcare they've come to rely on can't be funded.
- These anti-science politicians have sold out environmental protections by gutting the EPA and pulling out of the Paris Climate Agreement, all—while lining the pockets of big oil in the process.
- The President has declared the opioid crisis a State of Emergency, yet refuses to commit to any kind of meaningful action to address the situation. New Hampshire deserves better. New Hampshire demands better.
- People of New Hampshire deserve leadership in Washington that actually understands their struggles and follows through with promises. They deserve a Congressperson who can be held accountable.
- The President and his administration have proven they are not up to that task. Instead, President Trump and his enablers in Congress are doing all they can to destroy the checks and balances of our democratic system.
- The Republican-controlled Congress is too afraid to stand up to the President -- they have forfeited their responsibility to check Executive power -- and they've enabled a President who is unbalanced.
- Washington, DC, doesn't know me, but people here in New Hampshire do.
- People know me as a fighter, as a workhorse, and as someone who is passionate about his family, his community, and his state, and it's time to do something about an administration that is unchecked and unbalanced.
- I look forward to earning your vote for New Hampshire's First District, and I am excited to announce my candidacy for U.S. Congress.