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Amy Vilela releases “We Deserve More” campaign launch video

LAS VEGAS—Progressive Democratic candidate for Nevada’s First Congressional District Amy Vilela on Thursday, May 6, released a campaign video, titled “We Deserve More,” focusing on her background and lived experiences. Watch the video [here](#).

“The Struggle is real. Trust me, I lived it,” **Vilela begins**. “Throughout my life, I have experienced the pain our broken systems cause in so many ways. I grew up poor, raised by a single-mother. Then as a young, single-mother myself, I fought my way out of poverty for my children. I took classes at night to get through college—first in my family to earn a degree. I became an accountant, and later, a CFO. Just when I thought I had it all, the illusion was shattered. I was reminded that we are all only as safe as the most vulnerable among us.

“You may have heard the story about how my daughter, Shalynne, died at the hands of our profit-driven healthcare system. You may have seen me on Netflix. Or traveling across the country, these past few years fighting for the political revolution,” **Vilela continues**. “I never thought politics was for someone like me—until I realized that the political choices we make are, quite literally, life and death. From Covid to climate change, the status quo isn’t working for regular people like us. Now’s the time to elect bold leaders who will fight to change our current system that favors the rich and punishes the poor. Now’s the time for leaders to fight like lives depend on it. Because they do. I’m Amy Vilela, and I’m running for Congress because we deserve more. Nevada deserves more.”

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Amy Vilela grew up in poverty, relying on programs like WIC and SNAP in order to make ends meet as a single-mother. She took classes at night while working multiple jobs to become the first in her family to earn a degree. She became a national advocate for Medicare for All after her daughter Shalynne died at the hands of our nation’s profit-driven healthcare system. After working her way up to become a CFO, Amy has since retooled her professional experience to provide vital campaign services to other progressive candidates. In 2020, serving as a State Co-chair, Amy led the charge for Bernie Sanders’ landslide victory in the Nevada caucuses.

Amy and her family first moved to Nevada when her husband, Major David Vilela, was transferred to Creech Air Force Base. If elected, she would be the first ever active duty military spouse to serve in Congress.

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