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Bernie Sanders endorses Amy Vilela for Congress

LAS VEGAS—With early voting still underway, United States Senator Bernie Sanders announced Thursday afternoon his endorsement of Amy Vilela's campaign for Nevada's First Congressional District, adding momentum to the progressive Democrat's insurgent challenge to the local political establishment ahead of the state's primary elections next Tuesday, June 14th.

"Amy was my state co-chair in 2020, and has been a consistent champion for Medicare for All in Nevada. When elected, Amy will be a champion for working families, and she will fight tirelessly for a Green New Deal, Housing for All, and a progressive foreign policy," **Sanders said**. "I am proud to endorse her to represent the people of Nevada's 1st Congressional District."

"I am thrilled to announce Senator Sanders' endorsement of my campaign today, which comes at an absolutely critical point in our effort to finally provide real representation for the working families of Nevada's new First District. From the start of this race, one thing has been consistently clear: our working families are struggling, people all across southern Nevada are sick and tired of the status quo, and voters in NV-01 are ready to stand together and demand more, because we *deserve* more," **Vilela said**. "Now, with the Senator's support, I'm more confident than ever that we're once again on our way to securing a historic victory for progress in Nevada, and I look forward to not only working with him to win this race next Tuesday, but to continue strengthening the organizing infrastructure we've been tirelessly cultivating in Las Vegas over the past several election cycles so that it may continue to serve as a foundation upon which our progressive movement can and will win power for the working people of the Battle Born State over many more cycles to come."

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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. The Vilelas first moved to Nevada when Amy's husband, Major David Vilela, was transferred to Creech Air Force Base, and, when elected, she will become the first ever active duty military spouse to serve in Congress.

Sen. Bernie Sanders joins his colleague in Congress, Rep. Cori Bush, and Our Revolution, the progressive political action committee he founded to carry on the work started during his 2016 presidential campaign, in supporting Vilela's insurgent and 100% corporate-free campaign for Nevada's First Congressional District.



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