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Cori Bush endorses Amy Vilela for Congress

LAS VEGAS—Congresswoman Cori Bush (MO-01) announced Monday her support for Amy Vilela's insurgent candidacy for Nevada's First District. Vilela and Bush first met on the campaign trail in 2017 and were both subsequently featured alongside Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez in Netflix's *Knock Down the House*. In 2020, Vilela and Bush campaigned alongside each other in Las Vegas, St. Louis and across the country as national surrogates for Sen. Bernie Sanders' presidential campaign. Vilela later played a pivotal role in Bush's own 2020 upset primary victory over another entrenched establishment Democrat.

"I couldn't be more excited to announce my support for Amy Vilela," **said Congresswoman Cori Bush**. "I've known Amy for years, and I've rarely met anyone as dedicated to the movement—as committed to the work of saving lives—as Amy is. For Amy, I know that commitment comes from the struggles she's lived. Amy knows, like I do, what it's like to be an unhoused single mother; what it's like to work multiple jobs to take care of her babies; what it's like to face domestic abuse. She knows how the cracks in our system can quite literally be *deadly* for Black and brown people. My experience in Congress has shown me that we need to elect more people like Amy, who will never stop fighting for regular everyday people."

"When I look at our current representation in Washington, it's hard to find someone whose leadership I respect more than Cori Bush's, my longtime sister in the movement. It was the pleasure of my lifetime to serve on Cori's campaign in 2020, and I couldn't be more thrilled to have her support for my own insurgent bid in 2022," **Amy Vilela said**. "Cori is leading the way when it comes to fighting for a Green New Deal that puts poor, working class, immigrant and other frontline communities first. When I say Las Vegas deserves more, what I mean is that we deserve a representative like Cori, who knows the struggle is real and who works around the clock to advance bold progressive solutions to the many problems we face. I look forward to being that kind of representative myself and to working alongside leaders like Cori."

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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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