

**DeCarlo “Not for Sale” Congressional Candidacy Announcement Speech**  
**Marshall High School**  
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My name is Chris DeCarlo and I am a qualified, transparent and incorruptible candidate for the office of Representative in the 11<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.

The primary purpose of my campaign is to try and restore trust in our government by offering a new standard of representation that consists of no campaign contributions and a common sense approach of government business decisions. Financial independence allows me to represent the concerns of my fellow voters and to say what they themselves would like to say, to discuss fairness and justice for the common citizen and to highlight the collusion between government and big business.

The collusion with the influence of campaign contributions has corrupted our system of citizen government. This is our number one problem. The only solution is to elect incorruptible representatives so our government can work constructively to solve our problems and regain our trust.

America needs to get back to its roots of citizen representation as well as innovation, creativity, small business development, entrepreneurial spirit and encouraging people to take responsibility for themselves. We need simple common sense laws and rules. We need opportunities and incentives for people to grow, develop, and improve. These components have made America great but now our success is threatened by entitlement programs, suffocating regulations, high taxes, increasing risk and perpetual political patronage and protection.

Complex regulations that are subject to different interpretations are causing us to lose time, investment opportunities, industries and jobs while other countries are using our technology against us. America needs to reverse its bureaucratic trend and work strategically to make efficient use of our resources and capacity.

The only way to reverse the trend is to elect incorruptible leaders who are qualified to challenge the status quo. I am the only candidate free of financial and political obligations and I have the skills, experience and qualifications to be focused on these issues. I can do this job the way you think it should be done.

I support the same American ideals as you. Clifton should have its community-based elementary school, American workers should have jobs, small businesses and innovation should be encouraged and ordinary citizens should have control of our government. These are the essential components of our society that need to be preserved and expanded and I will fight to protect them.

I am on the ballot to try and prove that honesty and ethics is more important than money. People of honor and conscience are more important than people of greed. Citizen representation is essential to the continued prosperity and success of our country.

This election is your opportunity to reintroduce and promote the original concept of true citizen representation. Your vote has the power to reduce corruption and reintroduce common sense. You have the power to set the standard.

*Authorized by Chris DeCarlo, Congressional candidate for Virginia's 11<sup>th</sup> District.*