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Progressive Jason Call is Challenging Moderate Democrat Rep. Rick Larsen in Washington's Second District

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Jason Call is officially running for the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington's Second Congressional District.

Jason ran in 2020 and was short fewer than 2,600 votes in the primary from advancing to the general election. Raising only about \$50,000, Jason garnered almost 35,000 votes to challenge 10-term incumbent Representative Rick Larsen. Our campaign earned the endorsement from seven local Democratic Party organizations in addition to other grassroots activist groups like local branches of the Sunrise Movement, the Democratic Socialists of America, and Our Revolution. In 2022, like 2020, Jason Call will not accept any contribution from a corporate political action committee.

A progressive Democrat, Jason Call is challenging the 20-year incumbent Representative Rick Larsen on a wide variety of policy issues. Central to our people-powered campaign are the climate emergency, universal healthcare, labor solidarity, ending our forever wars, and reducing the influence of corporate money in politics. We are proud to have earned the endorsements of former Democratic presidential

candidate Marianne Williamson, the Catch Fire Movement, Blue America, and Future Generations.

Whereas the incumbent entered politics as a lobbyist for the medical industry, Jason Call was a math teacher in public high schools for 18 years. During that time, Jason was elected by his colleagues to represent them on the Marysville Education Association Board and at the Annual Representative Assembly multiple times. A tireless advocate for public educators, Jason has participated in many education related actions in Olympia, has testified on education issues to the legislature, and was a union building representative for many years. As a 7th grade teacher for two years, his students increased their standardized test scores so much that Totem Middle School in Marysville was given a School of Distinction Award for 7th grade math.

Jason has represented Snohomish County and the 44th Legislative District on the Washington State Democratic Central Committee from 2017 to 2020. His tenure on the Central Committee was marked by the passage of landmark progressive resolutions related to the climate crisis, money in politics, and achieving universal healthcare. Jason currently serves on the board of Whole Washington, a non-profit advocacy group seeking to achieve single-payer healthcare in Washington State.

Our campaign has already raised over \$92,000 from more than 4,100 individual contributors. Over eighty percent of donors have given \$200 or less with an average contribution of about \$22.00. In a top-two primary in this strong Democratic district, we have a chance to knock all Republicans off of the general election ballot and advance two Democrats. Northwest Washington deserves to have a real debate on working class issues and hold to account Representative Rick Larsen's votes and campaign finance record.

To that end, our campaign has assembled a comprehensive report on Rick Larsen's history that articulates our points of disagreement and where he has failed to adequately represent his constituents' interests. That report, along with more information about Jason Call's positions on key issues, are available at our website: www.callforcongress.com.

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