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Abbie Groff-Blaszak Announces Candidacy for Michigan's 29th Senate District

GRAND RAPIDS, Michigan – Abbie Groff-Blaszak officially announced her candidacy for Michigan's 29th Senate District today, entering the 2026 Democratic primary for the seat to be vacated by Senate Majority Leader Winnie Brinks, who will be term-limited at the end of next year.

"I am both excited and humbled to be entering this race," said Groff-Blaszak. "Senator Brinks' will be big shoes to fill, and I'm excited to build on the work that she has led and make significant and enduring progress in creating a Michigan that works for everyone."

Groff-Blaszak brings significant experience in both public service and community organizing. "I know from experience how essential both roles are to creating the most good for the most people – and how powerful real collaboration between the two can be."

Her campaign will focus on policies that build a worker-centered economy; affordable and accessible housing; an excellent public education for all children; and healthy and thriving communities.

"Too many of us are struggling to make ends meet and establish a sense of security in our futures," she said. "Too many of the policies and systems that govern our everyday lives do not provide the outcomes that we expect and that we need to thrive. I'm running for State Senate because I know that we can change this. We can build a system that works for people."

Ms. Groff-Blaszak has an extensive background in education, public policy and state government. She currently serves as a City Commissioner in East Grand Rapids and teaches brewing science at the Secchia Institute for Culinary Education at Grand Rapids Community College.

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