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[June 25, 2020 – Longport, New Jersey] *This evening, Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, the Democratic candidates for the 2<sup>nd</sup> congressional district participated in their first debate. The one-hour debate began at 6:00 pm EST, was sponsored by The William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy at Stockton University, and moderated by John Froomjian, executive director of the Hughes Center.*

*The event can be found on YouTube by clicking [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4QU3p_RBKTQ&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR2iE81bmzJzBWEov_qFKxnqoEg3E1IG2ovpQqmpIYcAag_27JB4GTUHVjw) ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4QU3p\\_RBKTQ&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR2iE81bmzJzBWEov\\_qFKxnqoEg3E1IG2ovpQqmpIYcAag\\_27JB4GTUHVjw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4QU3p_RBKTQ&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR2iE81bmzJzBWEov_qFKxnqoEg3E1IG2ovpQqmpIYcAag_27JB4GTUHVjw)).*

*The following is a statement from Brigid Callahan Harrison:*

*“Tonight, was the clearest and most decisive moment in this primary campaign.*

*“I am very proud and grateful that this debate gave our campaign the opportunity to make a clear, honest distinction to the people of the 2<sup>nd</sup> district and hope everyone has the opportunity to watch the debate before voting.*

“As heard in the questions asked tonight, South Jersey is hurting. Our economy has been hit like no other in the county as a result of COVID-19. After the murder of George Floyd, many of us are rightfully demanding that our voices be heard. And politically, we are clearly a community still reeling after the watching our own Congressman prioritize his himself over the people who voted for him just two years ago. Most of all, after hearing and seeing nothing from Jeff Van Drew during these last few months, we are tired of not receiving our fair share from Washington and demand true leadership.

“Tonight, showed that truth matters, words matter, ideas matter, policy matters, leadership matters, and most of all who we choose on July 7<sup>th</sup> matters – and these priorities will continue to if we are to beat Van Drew in November and ultimately ensure South Jersey has strong, experienced representation in Washington.

“We must not forget that our priority is not to beat up each other, but to beat Donald Trump’s pawn, Jeff Van Drew, in November. This campaign has created a coalition unseen in previously contested Democratic primaries – voters of all political affiliations throughout each of our counties, the largest group of union support, key community leaders that have represented our area for decades, and electeds such Senators Booker and Menendez. Our success has come from one important point of focus – joining together to elect the best candidate to beat Jeff Van Drew and tonight provided us the opportunity to ensure this coalition’s voice was heard.

“In these final days, I am hopeful that we can continue this dialog with more debates and deeply value the opportunity both Stockton and my fellow candidates helped provide tonight.”

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