

Eshel4Congress : Platform

Running for Indiana's Fifth Congressional Seat

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I, Dr. Eshel Faraggi, believe that in as much as this principle can be administered equally to all people: All people have sovereign rights, first over their person, and second over their possessions. I believe that good governance is achieved when such free people share and distribute this burden of self rule. These are the ideals that prompt me to ask for your vote and support for my candidacy for the seat of Indiana's 5th congressional district. Below are some details of the areas I plan to focus my campaign and public-service on.

Healthcare: Healthcare is a Basic Human Right. When someone has no water they, or their family, will go to great lengths to obtain water. Eliminating access to drinking water to a portion of the population would be a clear violation of their human rights. When someone requires medical attention they, or their, family will go to great lengths to get what will save them. Denying medical services to a portion of the population is a violation of their basic human rights. I will work tirelessly to ensure that all Americans have access to health insurance and healthcare, including both Mental and Physical Healthcare. The United States of America is a global champion of medical care, it is time to share this success with all Americans.

-- **Taxes and the Budget:** Taxes should be used to promote a healthy society. Through schools, roads, security, public services, and a multitude of other services received through local, state, and the federal government. However, taxes should also be used in the most efficient manner and spending of tax payer money should be done most diligently. I will work to limit government spending based on removing graft and unnecessary spending. I will also advocate for the simplification of the tax code and the establishment of a congressional committee to investigate implementing a simple rebate-corrected consumption-based taxes. Such approaches have the potential of saving a significant portion of the tax revenues while reducing the tax burden by reducing dark money and money spent on collecting taxes.

-- **Social Services:** As your representative I will always try to limit regulations and the reach of government to only the necessary. However, in some cases government is crucial. Physical and mental healthcare are excellent examples of this. I will work to make sure that every person living in the United States of America will have access to the best health insurance and care. Working with medical providers, researchers, and insurers, I will look for the most efficient ways to better handle healthcare. I will also work to make other social services more streamlined and effective at addressing the problems they were meant to.

-- **Race / Affirmative Action:** I will work to eliminate all forms of racism and/or discrimination of any class of people based on the basic principle that all people are equal. I will also advocate to make Affirmative Action based solely on socioeconomic and geographical considerations, and familial education levels. If you come from a poor area, or an under-served community, or no one in your family has ever gone to collage, you will be assisted in entering collage; by monetary and/or academic means. I will work to eliminate any trace of racism and race tracking from our local, state, and federal government. All the current goals of affirmative action can be better served and met by relying on civic rather than racial considerations.

-- **War on Drugs:** The war on drugs criminalizes a medical problem and creates means of enormous funding for extra-judicial violent organizations. Drug addiction is a medical problem and should be treated with medical means. I propose a commission of doctors, scientists, policy makers, and law enforcement personal to recommend within three months of initiation the most efficient role government can play in reducing the negative impact of drug abuse and the war on drugs.

-- Women Rights A woman has a right over her body. Women issues are distinct as women have the distinct right of producing babies. Babies are awesome! However, as awesome as babies are, their right to life cannot eliminate the rights of a woman to her own person. As your representative I will work to ensure that a woman will never be forced to either terminate or carry through her pregnancy, and that the full gamut of options be at a pregnant woman's disposal. A woman also has a right over her personal space. I will work to ensure that all people and especially women have a private and public environments that are safe from harassment and abuse. Politicians must speak clearly and often about these issues, not only as a reaction to some headline, but as a main talking point on a continual basis. Constant pressure on these issues will bring about change.

-- Workers/Unions Rights Organized labor provides generational means by which to perfect the skills and impact of a trade. Organized labor also provides a vehicle where workers rights and compensation can be more fairly negotiated. However, history has shown that where nepotism and cronyism can grow they will grow. Hence, we must strengthen the checks and balances on any organization representing citizens, so as to better its election and governing practices. To make sure that it is representing the interests of those it was sworn to represent. I will work to support and strengthen unions in their core mission of protecting workers.

-- Private Prisons and Other Abdications of Responsibility of Government Private prisons are for-profit organizations tasked with incarcerating prisoners. As such they have an incentive to create more prisoners to improve their business outlook. Private prisons are an industry for creating more prisoners. This is crazy and we should commit to stopping it immediately. Other examples of abdication of responsibilities is the supplying of the army. As your representative I will work to return the American Penal System and Military, in a full and independent form, to the American People.

-- Mass Incarceration and Victimless Inmates We have the highest incarceration rate of any country. Not only out of the developed world. On the other hand, many crimes, sometimes as serious as murder, seems to receive little attention from law enforcement. Especially in under-served areas. As a society we must do better to address both this issues: Give redress to victims, while keeping out of our jails people that have no real and tangible victims, and hence no reason to be in prison. This area is also tied to mental healthcare and as your representative I will work tirelessly to better manage our law enforcement and incarceration capabilities, and to better tie them to mental healthcare.

-- The Rights of the Minority and of the Different I truly believe that Democracy is not the authoritarian rule of the majority. A flourishing Democracy must balance respecting the vote of the majority with protecting the rights of the minority and of different individual persons, with different individual persona. Regardless of their creed, their type, their way of thinking or expression, or their way of sexual expression. In as much as this principle can be administered equally to all people: All people have sovereign rights, first over their person, and second over their possessions. As long as people actions do not harm another, they have a protected right for that form of expression. That is how I read the Constitution and will work to steer back our legal system in that direction.

-- Science: I am an active scientist. Scientists and engineers, including doctors and mathematicians, are the main purveyors of progress in the world. In science there is no room for nonsense, science is fact based and is very useful in the "real world". We should maintain our scientific edge by continuing and increasing the funding for science. We should also be better at coordinating scientific funding between nations, especially with Europe and China, and, ensuring that nations responsible for scientific progress are rewarded for their investment.

These policies will help maintain a natural atmosphere for scientific discovery globally. The basic ideas and ideals of science will also guide my public service: facts based and striving for best possible outcomes. Even if you disagree with some of these specific points, I believe I am the only candidate offering you this general philosophy: even if we disagree, I will be there to represent you and your vantage point as well. Time outside on sunny days always reminds me of how beautiful our world is, and the obligation we have to keep it as pristine for future generations. Human activity on planet Earth has reached a scale that can cause global changes. We must be the utmost conservative and diligent in our approach to preserving our planet. We have the technology to do it, and we must. For our children and theirs. Please vote for me as your congressional representative for Indiana's Fifth District.

Thank you!

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