

U.S. House of Representatives
Rep. Sharice L. Davids
Kansas Third District

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Dear Colleagues,

I write to share my official candidacy for Chairwoman/Ranking Member of the House Committee on Small Business for the 120th Congress. From the 116th to the 118th Congress, I served six years on the Committee – longer than any current member aside from Ranking Member Velázquez. In the 117th Congress, I led as Chairwoman of the Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax, and Capital Access, and I have served the Committee in both the House majority and minority.

During that time, I helped Democrats pass into law robust COVID-19 pandemic response programs that kept countless small businesses afloat during a difficult time. I have led and passed legislation to support entrepreneurs, expand economic opportunities for underserved Americans, boost business development in Indian Country, support small manufacturers, and combat waste, fraud, and abuse. Under the Trump Administration, I have fought back against efforts to slash budgets for entrepreneurial development programs, undermine the Small Business Administration (SBA) Inspector General, restrict federal contracting programs, and more.

One of the core strengths of our caucus is our diversity. If elected Chairwoman/Ranking Member, I would be the first Native American woman to ever chair a House Committee. I also represent a Midwestern, red state with urban, suburban, and rural areas across my district. Kansas' Third District is home to more than 16,000 small businesses and nearly 177,000 small business employees, and my voice in representing these Main Streets – and my background in running my own small business – would be valuable atop the panel.

I have redoubled my commitment to supporting our colleagues, working to help us take back the majority through direct support for Members and candidates. I've also demonstrated my leadership to the Caucus, serving as Chief Deputy Whip and DCCC Frontline Co-Chair among other roles. If elected Chairwoman/ Ranking Member, I will continue that work to ensure we maintain the gavels and look forward to learning the small business needs and challenges of your districts.

At a time when the President's reckless tariffs and war with Iran are wreaking havoc on costs and worsening consumer confidence, I am eager to lead this Committee and help steward sound economic policies that help Americans and achieve district-focused wins for the panel's members.

I therefore respectfully request your support to serve as Chairwoman/Ranking Member for the House Committee on Small Business in the 120th Congress. I look forward to speaking with all of you in the weeks and months ahead about your small business priorities. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'SD', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Sharice L. Davids
Member of Congress