

# Christopher W. Tague

New York State Assemblyman & Candidate for Congress, NY-21

Dear Fellow Chair,


I hope this letter finds you well and energized as we prepare for an important new chapter in the political future of New York's 21st Congressional District. With Congresswoman Elise Stefanik likely leaving for a prestigious appointment, we have the opportunity — and the challenge — of ensuring that NY-21 remains a stronghold for Republican values and the America First agenda.

I am writing to formally introduce myself as a candidate for this critical seat and to ask for your support as we begin this process. I would also welcome the opportunity to meet with you in person to discuss the future of our district and how we can secure victory in the upcoming special election.

As someone who has spent my life working alongside the people of upstate New York, I understand the struggles and values of our communities because I've lived them. I owned and operated a dairy farm at the age of 16, managing the farm while balancing school and competitive sports, ultimately tripling the herd before selling the farm for a healthy profit. Afterward, I entered the road construction and construction materials industry, where I rose through the ranks from laborer to equipment manager to general manager, overseeing multimillion-dollar projects and leading large teams. These experiences have instilled in me a deep respect for hard work, discipline, and the people who keep our communities running.

In the Assembly, I've carried these same values into public service. I have built a reputation as a fighter who never backs down, taking on New York City liberals in fierce debates on the Assembly floor and standing firm for the conservative principles that matter to our district. I've been a champion for upstate farmers, small businesses, and our families, ensuring their voices are heard in Albany. Whether it's pushing back against overreach from downstate politicians or advocating for common-sense policies that protect our way of life, I've always put the needs of my constituents first.

As a fellow County Chairman and someone who has spent his lifetime working on campaigns, I fully understand the task ahead for all of us. This special election will be a referendum on the direction of our nation and the strength of our party. All eyes will be on NY-21 and the Democrats will throw everything they have at this race. They'll attempt to exploit any misstep or weakness, and we cannot afford to give them the opportunity.



This is not the time to take chances on unproven or unvetted candidates, or carpetbaggers who lack the connection to our communities or the experience to face such a high-stakes election.

We need a candidate with a proven track record of winning tough races and standing firm for Republican values. I have won special elections, I have won three way races, and I have defeated democratic incumbents. As a candidate and county chair, I have successfully raised the funds needed to win races and run our county's operations.

As someone who lives, works, and serves in this district, I am uniquely positioned to lead a campaign that will energize our base, connect with voters, and ensure victory. I am committed to building on the incredible foundation Congresswoman Stefanik has established, proudly carrying forward the conservative values that have defined her tenure.

This race will be a battle, and I am ready to fight. I believe I check all the boxes needed to be a successful candidate, I am not a stranger to the district and the needs of upstate rural NY and the North Country, and I believe that together, we can secure this seat and make a powerful statement about the strength of our party and the future of our country.

I have enclosed my resume for your review and would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you at your earliest convenience to discuss my candidacy and hear your thoughts about the road ahead. Thank you for your time, your leadership, and your dedication to our party and our principles. I look forward to working with you to ensure victory in this pivotal election.

Sincerely,



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### ELECTED EXPERIENCE

#### Member, New York State Assembly, Albany, NY - 102nd District

2018 - PRESENT

##### Elected in a 3-Way Special Election

- Vice-Chair, Joint Conference Committee of the New York State Assembly Republican Conference
- Ranking Minority Member, Assembly Committee on Agriculture
- Member, Assembly Committees on Agriculture, Election Law, Environmental Conservation, Real Property Taxation, and Tourism, Parks, Arts and Sports Development
- Member, Assembly Republican Review Committee
- **At the request of Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, spearheaded the effort to collect endorsements from fellow New York State Legislators for President Trump.**
- **New York State Conservative Party ranking (NYSCP) 100%; top 3 ranking since being elected**
- **Only Member of Legislature (both houses) to receive 100% rating from New York State Business Council**

#### Schoharie Town Supervisor, Schoharie County, NY

2015 - 2018

##### Elected in a 3-Way Election, beating 8 year incumbent by 10 points

- Fixed 12 year old massive water issues and over saw beginning of new infrastructure water plan, turning water from brown to clear
- Cut taxes and budget, for first time in years
- Re-elected receiving nearly 98% of the vote, ran unopposed

### POLITICAL EXPERIENCE

#### Schoharie County GOP Chairman, Schoharie County, NY

2017 - PRESENT (Vice Chairman 2003-2017)

- **Staunch ally and Supporter of President Trump, prior to 2016, when he traveled to New York City to urge Mr. Trump to run for Governor.**
- Executive Committee New York State Republican Committee 2017-present
- Committeeman, New York State Republican Committee 2010-present
- Former 1st and 2nd Vice Chair Schoharie County Republican Committee 1996- 2003

- **Delivered over 70% of the Vote for President Trump in Schoharie County in 2024.**

### **Delegate, Republican National Convention, New York State**

2016, 2020, 2024 - IN SUPPORT OF DONALD J TRUMP

- **2024 Elector for President Donald J. Trump**
- **Floor Whip representing Congressional District 21**

### **Political Operative, Republican Campaigns, New York State**

1980-2018

- County Coordinator, Governor George Pataki 1994; 1998; 2002
- Consultant, McLaughlin for Assembly, 2 Campaigns
- County Coordinator: Congressman, John Sweeney; Senator Jim Seward; Senator Charlie Cook; Congressman John Faso; Congressman Sherry Boelert; Congressman Chris Gibson
- Campaign Manager, Pete Lopez for Assembly
- Campaign Manager, Schoharie County Treasurer, at Age 12

## **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

### **Cobleskill Stone Products, Inc., Cobleskill, NY**

1993-2018

#### ***General Manager***

2006-2018

- Was responsible for operations and health and safety compliance and permitting for the entire company, in addition to the drilling and blasting at all quarry locations.
- Was responsible for company drug and alcohol policy, administrator for the company apprenticeship training program and administrator of company government affairs and political action.
- Wrote the company's Site Specific and General Safety Policies, as well as the Rules and Discipline Policy. Also wrote the various standard operating procedures for site specific job duties in heavy highway construction, mining, and asphalt production.
- Trained all company employees annually for health and safety in all aspects of the company's business. Also provide training for other local companies in the industry.
- Responsible for environmental compliance and all permitting with state and federal agencies.

#### ***Quarry Superintendent; Trucking Manager; Director of Health & Safety, Cobleskill Quarry***

1994-2006

- Oversaw entire operation with approximately 50 employees.
- Managed a fleet of approximately 30 trucks, company wide.
- Oversaw training and compliance throughout the company.

#### ***Heavy Equipment Operator; Foreman, Schoharie Quarry***

1993-1994

- Maintenance of crushing equipment, quality control of stone and asphalt products.

- Responsible for everyday operations and organizing work for fellow employees as well as health and safety issues.

### **Ice Cream Shop, Co-Owner & Operator, Grandpa George's dugout, Inc.**

1993-2011

- Self-employed, co-owned and operated family business
- Ice cream business located in Schoharie, NY

### **Dairy Farmer, Owner & Operator, Over the Ridge Holsteins Farm**

1987-1993

- Self-employed, owned and operated
- Grew farm from 25 to 75 cows
- Sold farm and business in 1993

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

- Certified OSHA Outreach Instructor
- New York State Motor Vehicle Inspector – Group #12
- New York State Vehicle Escort
- New York State Certificate in Emissions Evaluation for Air Quality – EPA Method 9  
Certifications in drug and alcohol testing for both DOT and non-DOT employees  
(Administrator for company policy – currently directing all testing)
- MSHA – various certifications in employee safety and health related training
- Certified Flagger instructor for Heavy Highway construction projects
- Certified NCCER instructor, educating laborers, equipment operators, and heavy highway workers about best health and safety practices and protocols.
- CPR and First Aid Certified
- Various industry-related continuing education training (health & safety, environmental, labor)

## **MEMBERSHIP & BOARDS OF DIRECTORSHIP**

- Former Member, Schoharie County Board of Supervisors
- Founding Chairman, Schoharie County Young Republicans
- Former member, New York Construction Materials Association – on Environmental, Aggregates Committee and Health and Safety Committee and Board of Directors
- Former Chairman, Aggregate Committee and former Member Board of Directors
- Former Co-Chair, Health & Safety Committee
- Tri-County Builders Exchange, Inc.
- Former Chairman, Empire State Association of Builders and Contractors (ABC)
- Former Member, NYS ABC State Board of Directors
- Associated Builders & Contractors (ABC) – Former Member of Eastern NY Council/Formal Government Affairs Chairman, Joseph A. Holmes Safety Association
- Member, New York State Business Council
- Former President, Schoharie Little League
- Former President and Lieutenant, Schoharie Fire Department

- Former Treasurer and Current Board of Directors, Schoharie County Kiwanis
- Board of Directors, Schoharie County Chapter, NYSARC Inc.
- Former Board of Directors, Schoharie / Otsego County Cooperative Extension
- Former Chairman, Schoharie County Extension / Agriculture / Conservation Committee
- Former Chairman, Schoharie County Mandate Relief Committee
- Former Member, Schoharie County Historical, Planning, Promotional, Youth and Office of the Aging, Economic Development Committee
- Former Member, Schoharie County Flood Committee
- Former Member, Schoharie County Rules, Legislation and Elections Committee
- Board of Directors, Mohawk Valley Economic Development
- Member, New York State Rifle and Pistol Association
- Former Chairman, Schoharie County Agriculture Roundtable
- Former Chairman, Central Bridge Water District
- Member, Schoharie County Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse (SCCASA) Opioid Task Force, with a focus to rid the Heroin epidemic from our communities
- Former Spokesman and Member, Howe Caverns Development Team
- Former Member, New York State Farm Bureau; Former President, Young Farmers and Ranchers; Farm Bureau Circle of Friends
- Competitive Stock Car Racing Driver, Northeast DIRT Circuit

## AWARDS

- Awarded the Firefighter of the Year Schoharie Fire Department, 1993
- Star Chapter Farmer Award for Schoharie Valley
- Named Republican of the Year in 2005
- Awarded New York Republican State Committee Rising Star in 2015
- Honorary Member, Margaretville Fire Department
- Honorary Member, Central Bridge Fire Department
- Honored by Northeast Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund
- Honored by Capital District Young Republicans
- Honored by Schoharie & Otsego County Cornell Cooperative Extension for commitment to agriculture & the community

## REFERENCES

Congresswoman Elise Stefanik

Congressman & Former NYGOP Chairman Nicholas Langworthy

Former RNC Co-Chairman & Ohio Republican Party Chairman Robert Peduchick

New York State Republican Assembly Conference Leader William "Will" Barclay