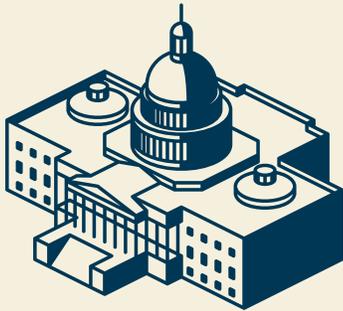




# Mission Majority To Take Back The U.S. House

## The Mission



In 2026 Democrats' path back to a U.S. House majority runs straight through EMILYs List women. Through our Mission Majority initiative, EMILYs List is building the battlefield for 2026 — **recruiting, training, and working alongside the Democratic women in the districts that will flip control of the House.**

We've been here before. In 2018, facing a daunting 23-seat deficit, Democratic women didn't just compete — they delivered the majority. Now, we are only a handful of seats away from reclaiming power. And once again, EMILYs List is leading the charge.

## Building the Battlefield

Immediately after the 2024 election, EMILYs List set out an aggressive plan to put women at the center of winning back power by flipping the House majority with EMILYs List-backed candidates. We understood that Republicans would do anything to hold onto power, requiring us to chart multiple paths to the majority, but we also anticipated enormous electoral opportunities in this cycle. Through our "On Notice" program, we put forth the largest target map of any political organization. EMILYs List

strategists fanned out across the country, recruiting the strongest candidates **ready to win in the toughest of territories to flip the seats we need to retake the majority**, while drilling down on a list of frontline races where Democratic women face competitive reelection contests. Together, these critical races make up our Mission Majority program.



Mission Majority targets more than **50 House races across the country**, creating multiple paths to victory. Our aggressive target map currently includes 23 already-endorsed candidates in the seats we need to take the majority, nine frontline incumbents we must defend, new seats that have come into play due to redistricting, and additional tougher-terrain districts that are rapidly becoming competitive in the current political environment.

# Mission Majority:



**Arizona**

- AZ-01 Marlene Galán-Woods
- AZ-06 JoAnna Mendoza

**California**

- CA-01 Audrey Denney
- CA-06
- CA-22 Jasmeet Bains
- CA-40
- CA-48 Marni von Wilpert

**Colorado**

- CO-04
- CO-05 Jessica Killin
- CO-08 Shannon Bird

**Connecticut**

- CT-05 Jahana Hayes

**Florida**

- FL-02
- FL-04
- FL-07
- FL-13 Leela Gray
- FL-15
- FL-21
- FL-27

**Iowa**

- IA-01 Christina Bohannon
- IA-02 Lindsay James
- IA-03 Sarah Trone Garriott

**Kentucky**

- KY-06 Cherlynn Stevenson

**Maine**

- ME-02

**Michigan**

- MI-07 Bridget Brink
- MI-08 Kristen McDonald Rivet
- MI-10 Christina Hines

**Minnesota**

- MN-02 Kaela Berg
- MN-08

**Nebraska**

- NE-02 Denise Powell

**Nevada**

- NV-01 Dina Titus
- NV-03 Susie Lee

**New Hampshire**

- NH-01

**New Jersey**

- NJ-07
- NJ-09 Nellie Pou

**New York**

- NY-01
- NY-04 Laura Gillen
- NY-17

**Ohio**

- OH-10
- OH-13 Emilia Sykes

**Oregon**

- OR-05 Janelle Bynum

**Pennsylvania**

- PA-07 Carol Obando-Derstine
- PA-08 Paige Cognetti
- PA-10 Janelle Stelson

**South Carolina**

- SC-01 Nancy Lacore

**Virginia**

- VA-02\* Elaine Luria
- VA-05\* Shannon Taylor
- VA-06\*

\*District number pending approval of Virginia's ballot referendum to combat Donald Trump's mid-decade gerrymandering

**Washington**

- WA-03 Marie Gluesenkamp Perez
- WA-05

**Wisconsin**

- WI-01
- WI-03 Rebecca Cooke

# Meet the Majority Makers

**2018 wasn't just a wave, it was a sea change for women's political leadership**, bringing bold women with unique experiences and qualifications into Congress to serve their communities. We're ready to do it again in 2026. With Americans struggling more than ever, voters want candidates who understand the challenges they're facing, who will fight back against the chaos and cruelty of this administration, and take bold action to deliver solutions that will actually make their lives better. EMILYs List's 2026 Majority Makers are uniquely equipped to give voters the leadership they are so desperately seeking, because these candidates understand firsthand the challenges that are now commonplace in communities across the country.

## IN FOCUS

AZ  
06



### JoAnna "Jo" Mendoza

A former drill sergeant who grew up in a farmworker family, Jo's running to flip Arizona's 6th Congressional District currently represented by Juan Ciscomani. This race will be pivotal in the fight for the House majority. Jo stood on the frontlines for our country, and now she's ready to stand up for Southern Arizona.

NE  
02



### Denise Powell

Denise is a mom of two, small business owner, and former corporate leader who stepped away from the boardroom to fight for the families and communities she loves. Now an open seat, Nebraska's 2nd Congressional District is one of the most competitive seats in the nation and one of Democrats' best pickup opportunities to take back the U.S. House.

PA  
08



### Paige Cognetti

Paige defeated a corrupt political machine to become mayor of Scranton and return power to the people. Now, Paige is running for Pennsylvania's 8th Congressional District, currently held by Republican Rep. Rob Bresnahan Jr., who was caught dumping local hospital bonds before voting to strip millions of Americans, including his own constituents, of health care.

These women are single mothers, caregivers, business owners, doctors, former drill instructors, flight attendants, blue-collar workers, and more. **And they are at the very heart of Democrats' path back to the House majority.**

## Tough Terrain

Building off wins we saw in 2025, we've aggressively broadened our battlefield to districts where MAGA extremism opens the door to win. These are places where Democrats don't normally compete, **including CO-04, FL-21, IA-02, KY-06, and SC-01.**



IN FOCUS

### Cherlynn Stevenson **KY-06**

Cherlynn is running in Kentucky's open 6th Congressional District. A Mountain Democrat who is drawing on her roots in Appalachia, Cherlynn's working-class values and focus on affordability will help her win back rural voters in the district.

## Frontline Incumbent Protection

We need to defend the EMILYs List women who won tough races in 2024, and whose seats we need to protect to take back the majority this cycle. These women won some of the country's most competitive races across the map — even up against difficult headwinds in an extraordinarily tough political environment. They are proof that women candidates are the Democratic Party's strongest electoral strategy, and our best pathway back to power.



IN FOCUS

### Emilia Sykes **OH-13**

Emilia cut through the noise in D.C. to bring back critical federal resources and support to Ohio's 13th Congressional District. Republicans spent more than \$10 million on this race last cycle, and we expect them to try and target Emilia again going into 2026. In order to take back the House, this is a must-protect seat for us.

## Path Ahead

Taking back the House requires both sharp strategic focus and a dynamic, aggressive approach, ready to capitalize on new opportunities the moment the environment shifts. As we build the most expansive 2026 battlefield possible, EMILYs List is actively recruiting candidates and preparing to roll out new endorsements to **ensure Democratic control of the House with EMILYs List women at the center of the fight.**

