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## **Murtari ends Congressional Campaign in NY's 24<sup>th</sup> District**

**Lyons, NY** – Only three weeks to obtain over 1000 signatures to appear on the primary ballot forced an end to Murtari's campaign. Unable to find support from Republican committees, he won't make the June 10<sup>th</sup> petition filing deadline. The candidate's final comments were on the string of shootings across our nation.



"Focusing on weapons after the recent mass shootings is political misdirection. We must ask: Why do young & old wish to kill themselves and others? Why embrace an orgy of violence?"

We have government programs, paid professionals, teachers, financial aid – and yet these people felt disconnected and without love. A void they filled with hatred.

It wasn't always this way. I recall school 60 years ago, many kids brought jack knives to class, but we weren't going to stab anyone. Gun control laws were much laxer than today, but no mass shootings.

Family was everything back then, for better or worse. Your family provided love & support, especially when times were tough. Things have certainly changed, it seems a government check, social worker, counselor or teacher have become replacements. We were motivated by good intentions, but failed to see the consequences.

Families aren't perfect, but government bureaucracy is much worse. We're free to make our own choices, live our lives as we please, but shouldn't expect others to subsidize our decisions

**The most cost effective, personal, satisfying, and impactful social program is what we do for each other. Not because we have to, or are getting paid to, but because we want to. ."**

A graduate of the United States Air Force Academy with Cum Laude Honors, with a Bachelor's in Astronautical Engineering and a Master's in Computer Science. John is a former Air Force pilot, software engineer, business owner, and civil rights activist.

John was the first Republican to file with the FEC in the 24th District last August. Born in Wayne County, he was concerned about where our Country is heading and feels we need people who have proven they can do more than 'talk', but have demonstrated they'll stand up for their beliefs – but with civility and respect for others.

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