

NAME: Carolyn Bourdeaux
PARTY: Democratic
SEEKING: Congress, 7th District

1. Why are you seeking your office?

I initially ran for office because this country seemed to be going badly off track and because we needed to address basic needs in this community like ensuring affordable quality health care and making key investments in education, in infrastructure and transit. Since being elected, I have helped pass legislation that significantly reduced the cost of health insurance through 2023 and helped pass one of the most significant investments in infrastructure in a generation. While we've made a lot of progress in the year I've held office, I am running for re-election because we have a lot more to do.

2. What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

I am deeply invested in the 7th district and want to continue to build on the accomplishments of the last year - this includes important work in expanding access to health care, infrastructure, early childhood education, as well as protecting voting rights. I introduced the Medicaid Saves Lives Act to expand Medicaid in non-expansion states like Georgia. I am an original cosponsor and a strong advocate for the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act and intend to continue the fight to protect voting rights. We also need to press towards universal pre-K and bring home benefits of the infrastructure bill.

3. What distinguishes your candidacy?

Over the years in this district, I have built a broad, diverse coalition of supporters who have helped me in every one of my elections. It is because of these relationships that I was able to become the only Democrat in the country to flip a seat in 2020. I pride myself in fostering these relationships and remain engaged at every level of the community. Often when people of the 7th district have issues, they have my phone number and reach out to me directly. I will always be here for the people of this district.

4. Pick any one issue. Expand on how you will address it.

One of my biggest concerns is expanding Medicaid in Georgia. I introduced the Medicaid Saves Lives Act in partnership with Senator Warnock to create a federal workaround program to expand Medicaid in non-expansion states. This bill will help 600,000 people in Georgia afford health insurance. I have also been a strong advocate for reducing the cost of prescription medications and reducing the cost of premiums on the exchange at healthcare.gov as well as ensuring people in my community were aware of the benefits of healthcare.gov and enrolled at the reduced rates offered by the American Rescue Plan.

5. What are your ideas on curbing all the many area-wide shootings?

Making common-sense gun safety reform at the federal level will benefit Georgians as well as all Americans and will improve day to day safety in our communities. We can protect Americans'

right to safely own a gun; while passing common-sense, lifesaving gun safety measures. These include implementing universal background checks on all gun sales, including at gun shows, a move that is supported by nearly all Americans, and banning assault weapons, high capacity magazines, bump stocks, silencers, and armor piercing bullets.

6. Please give a 100 word summary on your background.

Congresswoman Carolyn Bourdeaux represents Georgia's 7th Congressional District. She lives in Gwinnett with her husband and ten year old son. In 2020, Bourdeaux flipped Georgia's 7th from red to blue - the only competitive Democratic pick up in the country.

A former professor at the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State and veteran policy analyst, Dr. Bourdeaux has fought in Congress for affordable quality health care, a world class education for our children, voting rights and bringing transit and improved mobility to Georgia's 7th district.