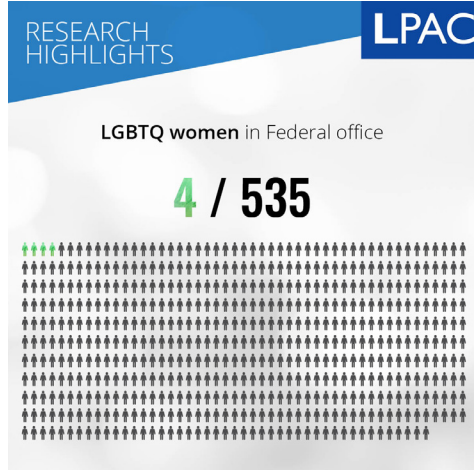


Memorandum from LPAC



To: Interested Parties
From: Lisa Turner
Date: September 2021
Re: 2022 Federal Update



AS THE 2022 MIDTERMS DRAW CLOSER, we want to share information about LPAC’s federal work and endorsements – which have already begun in earnest. With the challenges of our economic recovery and the need to overturn some of Trump’s destructive policies, LPAC is committed to protecting the House Majority while reaching LPAC’s electoral goal of doubling (at least) the number of LGBTQ+ women in Congress.

Earlier this month SCOTUS failed to stop Texas’ highly controversial Senate Bill 8, allowing it to go into effect. The bill prohibits abortion after six weeks, before most people realize they are pregnant – effectively banning abortion in the state.

LGBTQ+ individuals know first hand what it’s like to be marginalized and unable to access critical healthcare. This Texas law sets a dangerous legal precedent and could make a path for states to override people’s constitutional rights. We can’t help but think what a different situation we would be in if we had held the Senate Majority while the latest SCOTUS Justices were confirmed.

Texas Senate Bill 8 is just the latest example of gross overreach and extremism in our country. From the Texas Senate to the U.S. Senate, we need to ensure we are electing champions of our community. We wanted to share more about a few of those champions here:

Endorsed Incumbents

Angie Craig (MN-02) *Must Defend Frontline Seat!

Rep. Angie Craig is running for re-election to her third term in Congress. Angie was the first LGBTQ mother and first LGBTQ person from Minnesota ever elected to the U.S. House. Congresswoman Craig won re-election in 2020 by just 2.3% of the vote, and her opponent is back to challenge her again in 2022. We must retain this seat to preserve the Democratic Majority!



Sharice Davids (KS-3) *First LGBTQ Woman of Color in Congress!

Rep. Sharice Davids was first elected to Congress in 2018 and is running for her third term. In addition to being the first openly LGBTQ person from Kansas to serve in the U.S. House, Sharice was also one of the first Native American women elected to Congress. Republicans in the Kansas State Legislature have her district on the chopping block, but LPAC is committed to keeping her in Congress.



Endorsed Candidates (Challengers & Open Seats)

Heather Mizeur (MD-01) *Redistricting Opportunity!

Heather is running against Republican incumbent Rep. Andy Harris, who made headlines earlier this year for attempting to bring a gun onto the House floor. Heather has a background working on the Hill and served in the Maryland State Legislature from 2007-2015. She has raised more than \$800,000 since launching her campaign and has been endorsed by Sen. Chris Van Hollen and other members of the Maryland Congressional Delegation.



Jasmine Beach-Ferrara (NC-11) *Defeat Madison Cawthorn!

Jasmine is running against Madison Cawthorn, a Trump-style conservative who has been accused of sexual misconduct by multiple women and in August 2021 called the insurrectionists who had been charged for storming the Capitol "political prisoners." Jasmine was elected as a member of the Buncombe County Commission in 2016 and again in 2020. She is the founding Executive Director of the Campaign for Southern Equality, an LGBTQ advocacy organization.



Michele Rayner (FL-13) *Open Seat!

Michele is running for the open seat currently held by Democrat Charlie Crist, who is running for Florida Governor. She would be the first queer African-American woman to serve in the U.S. House. In 2020, with the help of LPAC, Michele won a crowded primary for State Legislature and went on to win the general election.



LPAC Leaders

From 2018 through 2020 LPAC raised and spent over \$2,950,000 on LGBTQ women candidates for public office. In the 2021- 2022 election cycle - we have set a goal to raise and spend \$1,700,000 to help elect LGBTQ women candidates up and down the ballot. We hope you will consider supporting LPAC's work by joining our group of strongest supporters.

Contributions can be made online here!