

## **Patty McMahon for Congressional District #6**



Patty McMahon is a candidate for U.S. Congress, District 6. She spent 3 decades at the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, beginning as an investigator and later serving as Denver's Outreach & Education Coordinator, where she also acted as congressional liaison for 25 years. In that role, she worked with congressional offices in Colorado and nationwide. While serving in that role she learned a Congressional Representative is not only about voting in Washington, but also about meeting the daily needs of constituents at home.

Selected as Region VIII Lead for the White House Initiative on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders, she led the region's efforts and served as the direct federal representative to community stakeholders, ensuring their voices were carried to the White House.

McMahon serves on nonprofit and civic boards in Colorado and has built relationships across the political aisle, working with leaders of varied political affiliations. She has also served as a campaign director and public relations director for congressional candidates from different parties. She understands party politics and believes the current political climate calls for an independent voice committed first to the district.

From 2004 to 2006, McMahon was selected to serve on an elite reorganization committee charged with restructuring the EEOC from headquarters through its nationwide field operations. The initiative modernized the agency's structure, eliminated excess spending, and relocated headquarters from a high-rent district to a more cost-effective facility—saving taxpayers millions

without reducing staff. The efficiencies implemented during that reorganization continue to benefit taxpayers today.

A graduate of Metropolitan State University of Denver, McMahon has lived in her district for 26 years.

## **Key Issues**

**Campaign Focus:** Congress exists to represent the people, not political parties. When the pursuit of political power overshadows constitutional principles and our shared national interests, Americans pay the price. I am running to restore accountability, independence, and respect for the Constitution, including Congress's responsibility to steward taxpayer dollars through its power of the purse.

### **Defending Constitutional Limits on Government Power**

Over the years, executive power has expanded far beyond what the Constitution intended. Presidents increasingly govern through executive orders with the quiet acceptance of Congress, and Americans are expected to comply even when these orders are issued without meaningful debate, accountability, or consent.

When one branch of government accumulates too much power, democracy weakens. When Congress surrenders its role, it is the people who lose their voice.

I am running to defend the separation of powers, because it's the foundation of our system of self-government.

### **Protecting Civil Liberties and Due Process**

Protecting civil liberties flows directly from defending constitutional limits.

When government power expands, individual rights shrink. Too often, we are told that constitutional rights must be set aside "just this once." That emergencies require shortcuts. That fear justifies surveillance, censorship, or punishment without proper process.

Rights do not exist only when they are convenient. They exist precisely for difficult times.

Due process, free expression, privacy, and equal treatment under the law are not obstacles to good governance. They are what make good governance possible. When governments bypass these protections, they may act faster, but they often act unjustly.

I am committed to defending civil liberties because government power must remain accountable to the Constitution and the people.

## **Opposing Unnecessary War and Military Adventurism**

I am not a pacifist. I believe in self-defense. I believe in protecting this country when it is truly threatened. But I do not believe in endless war or aggression simply because we have the power to project force.

The Constitution places the power to declare war in Congress precisely to prevent reckless or politically motivated conflicts, yet this safeguard has eroded in modern practice.

Presidents authorize military action without formal approval. Congress funds it without meaningful debate. Wars continue for years without clear purpose or accountability, while the lives that are lost belong to the families of voters.

Endless war is not strength. It's a disgrace. These conflicts cost lives, destabilize regions, drain resources, and erode civil liberties at home.

I oppose unnecessary military intervention because I believe war should always be a last resort, clearly justified, and constitutionally authorized.

## **Congressional Investigation into DOGE's Funding**

Congress controls federal spending under Article I and must oversee how appropriated funds are used. That oversight has not been fully exercised regarding DOGE. I will call for a congressional investigation to determine whether agency transfers and interagency agreements complied with appropriations law and to ensure Congress's constitutional authority over the budget was respected.

## **Transparency and Responsible Use of Statutory Taxpayer funds (TRUST Act)**

Congress controls federal spending through statute. Career employees execute those laws. After decades working inside a federal agency, I understand how appropriated and revolving funds are meant to operate and how easily those guardrails can be strained. When political leadership pressures agencies to move funds beyond their authorized purpose, Congress must step in. I will introduce the TRUST Act to ensure federal dollars are spent exactly as Congress authorized and to protect civil servants who follow the law from political pressure.