

Friends,

I have been involved in Republican politics in New York for just about 40 years. In that time, I have seen our party's fortunes ebb and flow. Some years we are on top, some years things don't shake out very well for us. But what has been consistent is the relentless leftward march of New York Democrats. Our Governor is held hostage by progressive extremists in the legislature, a socialist was just elected the Mayor of New York, and our Attorney General, Letitia James, is a defund-the-police radical who just applauded gleefully as Mayor Mamdani talked about reordering society in New York City.

We've also watched New York Democrats take a hammer to the pillars of many of our normal processes to further consolidate their power. Whether it is the mid-decade redistricting they did in 2024, or their recent effort to change our local elections to even years, there is very little they will not do to try and consolidate their political position.

So, in this year, perhaps more than in past years, it is critical that our party select the candidates for office that give us the greatest chance at victory and will represent our party most effectively in those roles. In the race for Attorney General, I believe that candidate is Saritha Komatireddy. Saritha graduated from Harvard College and Harvard Law School, and began her legal career as a clerk for Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh when he was on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. She was nominated to be a Federal Judge by President Trump, and served as Chief of Staff at the DEA. Most recently, she served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of New York, where she led complex, high-stakes cases involving international terrorism, cybercrime, transnational criminal enterprises, money laundering, narcotics trafficking, fraud, and foreign public corruption.

In addition to Saritha's sterling record, I believe her vision for the office is in alignment with the philosophies of New York Republicans and many Independents, and even many Democrats in our state. Saritha is smart, experienced, and ready to take on this important role as AG. She can attract new voters to our party, those who believe in opportunity for all, not based on race or ethnicity, but in a common belief in the values that have endured in this nation for 250 years.

Enforce the law without fear or favor to make New York safe. Support our brave law enforcement and corrections officers. Root out corruption and fraud. And prosecute crimes when they reach the appropriate threshold, *not* simply when they align with political and ideological preferences.

Our current Attorney General, Letitia James, has led an AG's office more interested in ideological posturing, political grandstanding, and fighting with Washington than arresting, prosecuting, and convicting criminals. That is likely the core reason why crime is up 26% on her watch.

New York deserves better from its AG, and I believe Saritha is the candidate we must nominate to give us the greatest chance of winning in November and creating a New York that is safe for our children and grandchildren.

Please join me in supporting Saritha for Attorney General. She is the best candidate for the future of the Empire State.

Sincerely,

John J. Faso

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