

**DeFranco Officially Kicks off Campaign for Congress in the 6th Congressional District
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SAUGUS - Middleton Democrat, Attorney Marisa DeFranco kicked off her campaign for Congress in the 6th Congressional District Thursday Night in Saugus.

Attorney DeFranco told a packed crowd "Congress is snuffing the life out of Main Street. They are crushing job growth, crushing small businesses and crushing innovation. John Tierney has been part of that congress. Where are the results in our cities and towns? Is your job, your 401K, your bank account, your overall financial well-being better off than it was 18 years ago when John Tierney was first elected?"

DeFranco said that she believes it's time for the 6th District to be represented by a woman, someone who knows first-hand the fight for women's rights and women's health issues. "I am a woman who feels that we should elect the best candidate, period. But when the best candidate for the job happens to be a woman, we win on both counts."

Attorney DeFranco said that over the coming months she is going to lay out her vision for the 6th District, particularly on issues like jobs and economic recovery, immigration reform, and women's rights, but more importantly, "will take great pains to listen to the people of the 6th District, women and men alike, to find out what their concerns are. That's what a Congresswoman is supposed to do, advocate for their constituents in Washington, not advocate for Washington to their constituents."

"I can promise you this," DeFranco added after the event. "I would never have gone along with the party line that 'if you like your doctor, you can keep your doctor under Obamacare because, unlike Congressman Tierney, I would have read the bill and told you what was in it before it was voted on.'"

"Courage and leadership mean standing up to your own party sometimes. Doing so makes the party stronger. What Congressman Tierney did by blindly going along with the Obamacare talking points was weaken the party for Republicans to seize power. I will never leave you vulnerable like that."

DeFranco said she agrees with the John Tierney of 2011 who said while campaigning that the person who represents the 6th District in Congress should be the person most in tune with women's rights and women's health issues.

"I agree with what John Tierney said two years ago, I just don't think John Tierney agrees with what John Tierney said two years ago. He is a career politician protected by the cocoon of Congress and all the wealth it brings. He is trying to tell the women of the 6th District he cares more about women's concerns and women's rights than does an actual woman who has been on the front line doing this work for years. I find that somewhat insulting to the intelligence of the women in this district," DeFranco said. DeFranco said she agrees with Nancy Pelosi who has said repeatedly, "When women succeed, America succeeds."

As an Attorney, DeFranco has represented battered women in court, women immigrants seeking asylum, and has been working on the ground floor for women's rights and women's health. She has represented small businesses, innovators, and entrepreneurs across the North Shore from the construction and restaurant industry, education, bio tech, engineering and health care. Attorney DeFranco is one of three candidates in the 6th Congressional District primary contest.

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