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## Lowell Sun Endorses Marisa DeFranco for Congress!

Editorial Board Says Marisa "Offers a refreshing perspective and strong woman's voice to issues that affect all people, especially the middle class."

MIDDLETON -- Marisa DeFranco today received the endorsement of the Lowell Sun newspin her bid to unseat incumbent Congressman John Tierney in the 6th Congressional District.

"She offers a refreshing perspective and a strong woman's voice to issues that affect all people, especially the middle class," the newspaper's editorial board wrote.

The newspaper called particular attention to Marisa's 5-Point Immigration Reform Plan:

"...the best indication of what DeFranco might be like as a congressional leader comes from her immigration reform plan.

DeFranco would implement heavy fines against employers who exploit immigrants, increase border and port security with targeted inspection goals over the next four years, double the number of immigration judges to process cases and deport immigrants with felony convictions, and create a path to legalization -- not citizenship -- for undocumented immigrants who refuse to go through the same process as legal immigrants. She'd also create an "essential worker visa similar to the seasonal visa that exists now.

The system is broken but "we're not going to deport our way out of the problem," says DeFranco, who opposes amnesty."

The Sun went on to say of Marisa's campaign: "She's articulated the best ideas to change Washington's partisan culture and get things done."

Are you prepared to send a strong, confident voice to Washington who will speak up for the 6<sup>th</sup> District? Vote for Marisa DeFranco on September 9<sup>th</sup>!

About Marisa DeFranco:

An immigration attorney for the past 17 years, Marisa DeFranco was named Top Woman of Law by the Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly and received national recognition by being awarded the National Legal Aid and Defender Association's Beacon of Justice Award for her pro bono service. She has been a leader in the National Organization for Women, serving as the Vice President of Legislative Policy for Massachusetts NOW. She also served on the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women. Marisa has shown time and time again that she is a strong spokesperson and advocate for equal pay for women, for ending violence against women, for civil rights and disability rights.

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