

# The Two-Party System Doesn't Work for You. But I Will.

## Cooper Nye's Platform for Candidacy

**Cooper Nye** is Michigan's youngest congressional candidate, running as an independent for the U.S. House of Representatives (MI-11). This year, Cooper dropped his career in Washington D.C.—where he saw our rigged system firsthand—to come home and disrupt the two-party system. Cooper is a pro-liberty, anti-corruption candidate fighting to unite the district on bold reforms that transcend tribal politics and serve citizens—instead of special interests. A life-long Michigander, he graduated from Walled Lake Western High School and Michigan State University where he studied Political Theory and International Relations.

- **Defend the Constitution:** All men are created equal. We are individuals endowed with natural rights that cannot be taken away. Or as it was originally written in another founding document, every American has the right to “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness”—guarantees that must be protected by an armed citizenry and simply don't disappear for the unborn.
- **Limit Money in Politics:** Our system of governance should depend on elections, not auctions. Cooper believes that no political donations should be hidden and the influence of lobbyists on policy via campaign donations should be eliminated. One solution that should be considered is *The American Anti-Corruption Act*.
- **Fix our Broken Elections:** It's time to break the two-party stranglehold on our politics by ending gerrymandering, easing ballot access, and amplifying voter's voices by passing *The Fair Representation Act* to abandon winner-takes-all elections and adopt ranked-choice voting.
- **End Crony Capitalism:** The unholy trinity of big business, special interests, and big government has forced hard-working Americans to subsidize well-off corporations. Cooper proposes slashing this corporate welfare by creating the National Commission for the Monitoring and Elimination of Subsidies.
- **Save Small Business:** Small businesses are the backbone of the American economy and employ half of Michigan's workforce. Empowering these entrepreneurs by removing government roadblocks will allow them to expand and innovate—a climate that will ensure a brighter future for everyone.
- **Restore Fiscal Responsibility:** The national debt has surpassed \$20 trillion—a number that will drop the jaw of anyone besides the U.S. government. Congress cannot keep kicking this can down the road. Cooper believes in passing a balanced budget amendment and launching a comprehensive federal audit to eliminate waste, fraud, corruption, and unauthorized expenditures.
- **Abolish the Income Tax:** Repealing and replacing the income tax with a national sales tax would give all Americans a raise, abolish the headache of filing taxes, cut compliance costs, stimulate growth, and protect the environment by taxing consumption instead of income.

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