



Fellow Republicans and Patriots of Minnesota's Fifth Congressional District,

Thank you for taking the time to participate in your local caucus. This is one of the most important responsibilities in our political process, and it's where we begin deciding who will represent our party in the 2026 election.

My name is John Nagel, and I'm running for Congress because MN-05 deserves serious, steady leadership—and because our district deserves better than Ilhan Omar.

This race is about more than slogans or soundbites. It's about choosing a nominee who can win in November and help Republicans up and down the ballot rebuild strength in a district Democrats have taken for granted for far too long.

I'm a lifelong Minnesotan, a husband, father, and new grandfather, and a 30-year veteran of the Minnesota State Patrol. I spent my career serving this community—protecting families, standing up for victims, and upholding the rule of law. Service isn't a campaign theme for me. It's how I've lived my life.

MN-05 is a challenging district for Republicans. Pretending otherwise doesn't help us win. We won't defeat Ilhan Omar by chasing headlines or appealing only to the loudest voices online. **We win by running a disciplined campaign with a candidate voters can take seriously—someone independents and working families will trust.**

I've tested that approach before. **In 2024, I ran for the Minnesota Legislature in House District 46A and outperformed the top of the ticket—showing that Republicans can earn broader support here with the right candidate and message.**

I didn't move here to use Ilhan Omar as a foil or to promote a narrow agenda. I live in the same house my grandfather built in the Fifth District, where I raised my kids. **This isn't a political project or a stop along the way—it's my home, and it's the community I've spent my life serving.**

Republicans win when we focus on what matters most to everyday Minnesotans: lowering the cost of living, restoring public safety, and bringing real accountability back to government—especially when it comes to fraud and corruption. I've seen firsthand what happens when leadership fails and laws aren't enforced, and communities are left to pay the price.

This campaign isn't about ego or ambition. It's about putting forward the strongest possible Republican nominee—someone who can unite activists, compete seriously, and reach beyond our base to earn the support of independents and moderate Democrats.

If nominated, I will run a serious general-election campaign focused on defeating Ilhan Omar, expanding our base, and helping Republicans win across the ballot. **I would be honored to earn your support at caucus, and I hope you'll also consider serving as a delegate on my behalf.**

Thank you for your commitment to our party and to Minnesota.

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