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McGowan Announces Congressional Bid ***Unveils “America First, Iowa Always” Agenda for Iowa-4***

SIOUX CITY, Iowa – Chris McGowan, a military veteran, economic development professional, and long-time business advocate from Sioux City, announced plans to run for Congress on Wednesday. McGowan, 58, is seeking the Republican nomination to represent Iowa’s 4th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Launching his campaign under the banner “*America First, Iowa Always*,” McGowan, a fiscal and social conservative, promised to bring the same passion and persistence he has applied to promote Siouxland for over two decades to the nation’s capital to advocate for Iowa. “I spent the last 20-plus years promoting northwest Iowa and fighting for my community. I am eager to bring that same commitment and determination to Washington on behalf of our hard-working families, farmers, and small-business owners.”

As a long-time executive with *The Siouxland Initiative (TSI)*, McGowan has led efforts to attract billions of dollars in capital investment to the Sioux City Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) while helping to facilitate the creation of thousands of good-paying jobs. His efforts have led to over a dozen first in the nation rankings for economic development. “I am proud of our work to bring both jobs and investment to our community. I am pleased with what we have achieved thus far and confident that by working together, we will continue to accomplish great things for our corner of the Great State of Iowa.”

McGowan, who was raised in Sioux City, explained that his family represents five generations in Iowa’s 4th Congressional District, including a great-grandfather who was recognized as the top, per-acre corn producer in the state in 1944. “My dad grew up in Sioux City and my mom is from Fonda, we have deep ties to Iowa’s 4th Congressional District, and I am looking forward to the opportunity to represent my family, friends, and neighbors in our nation’s capital.”

Noting that the president earned a clear mandate in the 2024 election, McGowan asserted, “President Trump carried Iowa by over 13 points and won 35 of 36 counties in the 4th Congressional District in 2024. As a result, his ‘America First’ agenda for strong national defense, secure borders, and rebuilding the American economy, while eliminating wasteful spending, must be aggressively supported.” Specifically addressing national security, McGowan reported that, in addition to his service in the Iowa Air National Guard, his father is a Vietnam veteran and several of his children are presently serving in a variety of active-duty roles in the Armed Forces.

A graduate of Heelan High School, McGowan went on to earn a bachelor’s degree from St. John’s University in Collegeville, Minnesota. As an undergraduate, he served as captain of the varsity wrestling team while completing majors in both Management (Business Administration) and Government (Political Science). After serving in the military and selling for a Fortune 500 company, McGowan attended the Ave Maria School of Law in Ann Arbor, Michigan. While attending graduate school, McGowan worked in both the civil and criminal divisions of the U.S. Department of Justice for the Eastern District of Michigan in Detroit. Upon earning his juris doctor and passing the Iowa bar exam in the summer of 2003, McGowan returned to Sioux City to begin his career recruiting and retaining companies, employment opportunities, and capital investment.

McGowan and his wife, Cathleen, have been married for 26 years and live on a small farm in southern Plymouth County. They are the proud parents of six children.

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