

**Principles over Politics.
Country over Party.**

I'm Phil Tanis, a lifelong Republican and former mayor of Holland. I'm not running to raise money or gain power — I'm standing to give voters a choice. Our politics have lost their balance and our representatives their voice. **It's time to restore civility, integrity, and genuine public service** to Michigan's 4th Congressional District.

I'm not running a traditional campaign. **I won't accept donations, seek endorsements, or hire consultants.** I simply want to offer a choice — a chance for thoughtful, moderate Republicans (and anyone else) to register their belief that **our democracy works best when we work together.**

I'm not willing to accept the current state of our great country, now divided into warring tribes that see each other as enemies instead of neighbors. I'm frustrated by leaders in politics and the media who profit from division instead of focusing on the real challenges facing us.

And I'm fearful that if we cannot come together, we risk losing what makes this nation great — the conviction that **we are all created equal and endowed with unalienable rights** to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Congress has shirked its basic duties. Too many representatives have chosen silence over service, allegiance to a party over accountability to the people. **I believe a representative's job is to listen, to lead with integrity, and to uphold the Constitution above all else.**

I'm standing in protest against a political culture that rewards loyalty to power over loyalty to principle. I stand so voters can voice their dissatisfaction with a system that has stopped listening.

That's what this candidacy is about. It's not a campaign — it's an act of protest against the current state of affairs and a commitment to the United States as a democracy of the people, by the people, and for the people.

Please vote for me, Philip Tanis, in the Republican primary on Tuesday, August 4.

