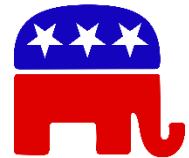




Dear Fellow Republican,

Happy New Year! I am excited for 2019 and I hope you are too!

I am running for State Assembly this year for Legislative District 25 and hope to earn your support. I have spent my entire life in service to others. At 17 years old, I accepted an appointment to the United States Military Academy from Congressman Frelinghuysen and began my life as a Soldier in the United States Army. In 2001, I was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Aviation Branch and served until 2008. I was an Apache helicopter pilot and was in a variety of roles including Platoon Leader, Company Commander, and Battalion Executive Officer. Shortly before getting out of the military I helped start a non-profit foundation, the Joe F Lusk II Memorial Fund, in honor of my friend who died during our deployment overseas. Through this foundation, I helped many Veterans bridge the gap between the support our government provides them and the reality of their needs. In 2013 I started Bergen Botanicals, which I still operate today, and in keeping with my personal goal of service, donate 20% of company profits to organizations that help our nation's Veterans.



In 2014, I began to see politics as a greater way to serve more. I reached out to my local councilman and learned how to best get involved and support my local community. I served on the Zoning Board, participated in Fall Festivals, helped in river clean-ups, fundraised to rebuild a local playground, and took any opportunity I could to get involved. When my local councilman decided not to run for re-election, I ran for local office as a councilman in Denville.

After hearing that Assemblyman Michael Patrick Carroll would not be seeking another term in the Assembly, I knew I could best continue my service through the State Assembly. While I enjoy being a councilman, there are many burdens on the municipalities and my constituents in Ward 2 of Denville that I cannot effectively help with on the local level. Some primary examples are the stress of affordable housing development levied on us by our government's inability to properly legislate, and the undue financial strain placed on our 25th District municipalities through the unfair school funding formula. These issues alone are creating strain on our communities and I can be part of the solution.

I hope to earn your vote in June. I am excited to continue my lifelong commitment to service and am honored to have your support. Please call me at 973-202-0634 or email me at brian@votebergen.com with any questions or concerns you would like to discuss.

Sincerely,

Brian G. Bergen