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Writers Guild PAC Gives Larsen Rare Primary Endorsement in Race for Congress

Los Angeles, CA - The Writers Guild of America Political Action Committee threw its early support to one of its own, running to replace controversial Republican Jim Jordan in Ohio's 4th Congressional District. **Mike Larsen**, an Emmy-nominated writer for *Real Time with Bill Maher*, who also scribed on *The Drew Carey Show*, *Ellen*, *Two Guys & a Girl*, *Grace Under Fire*, *Reba*, *Whoopi*, *Rodney*, and *Crash & Bernstein*, is running as a Democrat in Ohio's March 17 primary election. The PAC usually waits to endorse candidates running in general elections, but made an exception for Larsen, who also has extensive political experience and served as Communications Director for California Congresswoman Jackie Speier.

"The Writers Guild of America West PAC enthusiastically endorses Mike Larsen for Congress in the 4th District of Ohio," said Marjorie David, Vice President of the WGA-West and a WGA PAC Board Member. *"While we rarely endorse in a primary, Mike is a candidate of such deep and varied experience that we cannot pass up the opportunity to stand behind him now. His Capitol Hill expertise as a staff member for Rep. Jackie Speier means he will be able to hit the ground running. And his past career as a television writer for diverse audiences taught him to be a clear, compelling advocate for the people and the initiatives he believes in. Mike is a longtime member of our union -- we know he understands labor issues and supports working people. His unique perspective will be a distinct advantage both in the House and at home in his district."*

Other Guild members also weighed in, including Tim Doyle, Executive Producer/Creator of ABC's *The Kids are Alright*, who hired Mike for his first writing job in 1996. *"Mike understands how to connect with people,"* Doyle said, *"and it works in both comedy and politics - keep it simple and tell the truth."*

WGAW Board Member, Patti Carr added: *"Mike Larsen has been a strong supporter of working people and his union throughout his career, and his fellow writers and union members are proud to support him back. The core values of every union are to protect working people and their families, which is what Mike has always been about personally, professionally, and politically. WGAW writers are proud to support Mike."*

Jim Jordan is in his seventh term in Congress. The co-founder of the conservative Freedom Caucus is one of the most vociferous defenders of President Trump, and a frequent guest on Fox News and other conservative outlets.

“I’m running for Congress because I worked with the gold standard of representative in Jackie Speier, and want to show my neighbors in Central Ohio what real representation is,” Larsen said.

“The Writers Guild has been very good to me and my family. My teenage daughter took some of her first steps on a picket line outside NBC in the 2007 strike, and the Guild’s generous early pension program allowed my wife and I to fulfill our dream and move to a small ranch in rural Ohio. The Guild is my fourth union, having joined the Teamsters on my first job as a peanut vendor when I was 14. I plan to be a strong voice for working women and men, and a vast improvement over the current occupant of the seat, who holds a [3% lifetime voting record on labor issues.](#)”

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