

Daily Kos Endorses Aaron Rouse in Key Virginia State Senate Race

Organization Backs Progressive Stalwart to Flip Open Seat in the 7th District

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Daily Kos Political Director David Nir announced [the organization's endorsement](#) of Democrat Aaron Rouse in the race to flip a crucial state Senate district in the Virginia Beach area that was recently vacated by a Republican.

In the wake of the *Dobbs* decision, many of the hardest-fought battles to protect and restore abortion rights are now happening at the state level, and Rouse has been a vocal advocate in this fight. He also adamantly supports investing in public education, and his victory would allow Democrats to increase their 2-seat edge in the upper chamber. Meanwhile, Rouse's opponent, Kevin Adams, agrees with Governor Glenn Youngkin's proposed 15-week abortion ban and has touted his work on behalf of so-called "crisis pregnancy centers," which utilize coercive tactics, fearmongering, and disinformation to deter people seeking abortions from receiving the care they need.

"Aaron Rouse is a fearless progressive who believes deeply in the importance of public education and abortion rights, and Daily Kos is proud to endorse him in his bid to flip this critical seat in the Virginia state Senate," said Nir. "While serving on the Virginia Beach City Council, Rouse has pushed to preserve abortion rights. As a state senator, he will be a champion for all Virginians and fight vigorously to protect their rights in the face of Republican attacks on our freedoms."

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