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State Delegate Jazz Lewis Announces Run for Maryland's Fourth Congressional District

Glenarden, MD - In a video, Delegate Jazz Lewis today announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Maryland's Fourth Congressional District. Delegate Lewis' decision follows the announcement that Congressman Anthony Brown will not seek reelection, and will instead run for Attorney General for the State of Maryland.

"I was born and raised in this community, and I've seen too many inequities pass from generation to generation. I am running with a fierce urgency of now to ensure that we don't pass the many challenges that we face today onto the next generation," **said Delegate Lewis**. "This is a change-making moment for our community, our state, and our country. We need proven progressive leadership in Washington to tackle the issues we face here in Maryland's Fourth Congressional District."

"We have seen too many guns and too few jobs. We've struggled with healthcare cost and access, as well as an unfair and often predatory criminal justice system," continued Delegate Lewis. "From a worsening climate crisis to a lack of affordable housing, our community deserves more. Proven leadership matters. As I did in my campaign for Delegate, I am running a people-focused campaign to ensure our movement meets the moment and improves the quality of life for every Marylander. I thank Congressman Brown for his service to the District and look forward to continuing his long and distinguished legacy of service to Maryland's 4th and to our great Nation."

"Delegate Lewis is a tireless worker for the people of District 24," said Senator Joanne Benson who represents District 24 in the Maryland Senate. "That is why I support him to be our next Congressman. He has the vision, the experience, and the leadership that we, as a community, need right now in Congress."

"Jazz has been a model delegate for his constituents," said Delegate Darryl Barnes, who chairs the Legislative Black Caucus and serves District 25 in the House of Delegates. "In his time in Annapolis, we have worked together on issues of small business and racial inequality. He is a champion for communities of color and every Marylander."

"As a friend and colleague, I know that Jazz will be a terrific Congressman for District 4," said Delegate Rachel Jones, who represents District 27B in the House of Delegates. "He is an advocate for those left behind, and he will be a champion for working families and for every Marylander. I've known Jazz for a decade. I know that he will be the kind of representative we need right now."

As a lifelong resident of Prince George's County, Maryland, this community is where Jazz started organizing as an activist at the University of Maryland, College Park. Jazz began his career as a community organizer in Baltimore and currently serves as a Senior Advisor to Congressman Steny Hoyer, working to pass criminal justice reform, expand quality, affordable housing, and ensure economic opportunity is available to all Marylanders.

Jazz currently serves in Maryland's House of Delegates, where he has represented the 24th Legislative District since 2017, and also serves as the Chairman of the House Democratic Caucus. During his time in the General Assembly, he has championed issues ranging from criminal justice reform, healthcare access, and economic equity; he promises to continue his advocacy as Maryland's 4th District Representative on Capitol Hill.

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