



Matt Hausman

Candidate for US Congress

13th District in Illinois (Includes: Champaign, Urbana, Savoy, Monticello, Decatur, Springfield, Macoupin County, Metro East St. Louis)

Biography/Resume:

- Raised on family grain farm outside of Pesotum, IL
- Grew up working with cattle on family dairy farm in Flatville, IL
- B.S. in Aeronautical & Astronautical Engineering – University of Illinois (2001)
- M.S. in Aerospace Engineering Sciences – University of Colorado (2003)
- Orbital Analyst at Boeing Satellite Systems, including classified defense work (2004 – 2009)
- M.A. in Secondary Education – Loyola Marymount University (2009)
- High school government & economics teacher and basketball coach at low-income charter school in East Los Angeles area (2009 – 2013)
- Mission Manager at SpaceX, world’s leading rocket launch company (2014 – 2017)
- Certificate in Nonprofit Management – UCLA Extension (2016)
- Traveled around the world, working on 14 different volunteer projects in 9 different countries in a variety of sectors (2017 – 2018)
- Returned to Champaign County in 2018

Current Experience and Community Involvement:

- Executive Advisor (formerly Executive Director) of Feeding Our Kids in Champaign, IL – Organization that provides weekend food bags to about 1000 food insecure children in more than 40 schools and programs across Champaign County
- Assist with family farming operation in Pesotum, IL
- Member of the Champaign County Mental Health Board
- Member of the Champaign County Forest Preserve District Friends Foundation Board
- Founding Member of Braver Angels of East Central Illinois – Local chapter of a national organization dedicated to depolarizing America
- Messaging Team Lead for FairVote Illinois – Statewide organization advocating for ranked choice voting as an electoral reform to lower partisanship and increase consensus-building
- Member of Champaign West Rotary

Political Philosophy: Pragmatic Conservative

- The fundamental role of government is to preserve the rights and security of its citizens. Any other potential government endeavors should defer to that fundamental purpose.
- The beauty of the American experiment is that different opinions are welcome. Therefore, representatives should utilize consensus-building and compromise when needed to best serve all of their constituents, not just those who agree with a particular ideology.
- Market-based solutions and individual citizen action should be the primary methods of addressing issues. Government intervention should be a last resort.
- Policy decisions should be based upon reasoned analysis, scientific inquiry, and input from qualified experts, not on political convenience.
- Conservatism is taking a careful and measured approach when addressing an issue, rather than being led by emotion and over-zealousness; even if, and especially if, that means making difficult decisions that may be unpopular.