

The Arc of New Jersey – Get Out the Vote (GOTV) Guide

Candidate Name: Scott Garrett

Office Sought: Candidate for House of Representatives

State: New Jersey District: Fifth

"Throughout my time in Congress I have had the opportunity to travel the fifth district of New Jersey to visit with some of most dedicated and inspirational people. I have been privileged to get to know a great community of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families, and those who support and assist them.

During the last Congress, I was proud to join my colleagues in passing the Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act. This bill established tax-free savings accounts to help individuals and families finance disability related expenses like education, transportation, housing, or employment training. These accounts also allow families and individuals to save without the threat of losing benefits like Medicaid or Social Security.

While this was a great step in the right direction, I believe we can further improve these accounts. Currently, I am a cosponsor of 3 pieces of legislation that enhance the accessibility and functionality of the ABLE accounts. These improvements include expanded age eligibility and contribution limits as well as allowing rollovers from college saving accounts.

Additionally, I will work to ensure that we keep our nation's promise to those who need support most by ensuring that Medicaid and Social Security are protected for current recipients while strengthening the program for future generations. This includes increasing Social Security's solvency and enabling Medicaid innovation at the state level to improve care and access for our citizens."

Congressman Scott Garrett