

Linda Andrei, M.D.

My name is Linda Andrei, and I am running for Congress to unseat Tom Reed in the NY23. I am from a working class Catholic family, where I dared to dream that I could become a doctor.

My father came from a farm in the mid-west during the depression. He was able to obtain training as a welder, and his membership in the steamfitters and welders union allowed him to support our family of seven. My mother worked as a bookkeeper to send us to Catholic school. She developed breast cancer when I was sixteen, and died soon after I graduated from college. I was left with her spirit of determination and resilience: "Linda, where there is a will, there is a way."

As a result, in spite of obstacles and challenges, I have enjoyed a thirty-year career as a Cardiologist helping others. I have held positions in academics as an Assistant Professor, in administration as the Director of a Cardiac Catheterization Lab serving two million people, and finally in private practice. I have come to understand the lives and struggles of others.

Now is the time to leave my retirement, and use my experience, expertise, and energy to serve my country. I am committed to address what I think is the major issue of our time – health care, which intersects economics, education, and safety.

I have lived in the Finger Lakes since 2002, where I have practiced medicine in NY23 (Elmira, Corning, Painted Post, Bath, Watkins Glen, Ithaca). Previously, I practiced in rural communities in Wisconsin and Eastern North Carolina. I know how to connect with people and what they care about, and most of all I care about them.

Health care is a basic human right, and I have witnessed the fear and tragic result of our broken system. I believe I am uniquely qualified to address this issue both as a physician and as a patient. In addition, my dogged insistence in the face of multiple challenges, my ability to learn quickly, and my discipline and dedication make me a formidable opponent to Mr. Reed.

To this end, I have the wholehearted support of my husband Tim (a Cornell Emeritus Professor who runs an Ithaca-based cybersecurity company) and my son Justin (a recent college graduate now working).

EDUCATION

HUNTER COLLEGE, CUNY, New York, NY

- B.A., Biology, Cum Laude
- Honors Research in Biochemical Genetics

UNIVERSIDAD AUTÓNOMA DE GUADALAJARA, Guadalajara, México

- M.D.

POSTDOCTORAL TRAINING

MOUNT SINAI SERVICES, CITY HOSPITAL CENTER AT ELMHURST NY

- *Residency in Internal Medicine, Appointed Executive Chief Medical Resident*
- *Cardiology Fellowship*

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN MEDICAL SCHOOL, Milwaukee, WI

- Milwaukee Clinical Campus, Sinai Samaritan Medical Center
- *Interventional Cardiology Fellowship*

APPOINTMENTS

MOUNT SINAI SERVICES – CITY HOSPITAL CENTER AT ELMHURST NY

- *Assistant Professor of Medicine and Cardiology*
- *Director of Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory*

CERTIFICATIONS

- *Diplomat*, American Board of Internal Medicine
- *Diplomat*, Cardiovascular Disease

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Ithaca Free Clinic
- Ithaca College Senior Internship Public Health Mentor
- American Red Cross, Tompkins County Chapter, Chair of the Board of Directors

COMMUNITY LECTURES

- Kendall at Ithaca; Arnot Ogden Medical Center in Elmira; St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira, NY; New Bern, NC