

George promises more aggressive campaign as he challenges Moore once again

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Former state Sen. Gary George, who badly lost primary challenges of Gwen Moore in 2014 and 2016, is promising a more aggressive bid as he mounts another campaign against her for the Dem nomination.

George, of Milwaukee, filed nomination papers with the state Elections Commission Friday to run for the 1st CD, which covers Milwaukee. The commission had not yet posted late Friday how many valid signatures he had collected; he needs at least 1,000 to run.

He took 28.7 percent of the vote in 2014 and 15.3 percent in 2016.

George said he has since learned from Donald Trump that a campaign can be fueled by social media rather than donations and promised to provide voters an alternative to Moore, who was elected to the seat in 2004.

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“Gwen never goes to work,” George charged.

He also accused Moore of being late to the issue of lead in Milwaukee water and slammed the congresswoman for keeping her sister on her campaign payroll.

George was recalled from his state Senate seat in 2003 and was later indicted on two counts in a kickback scheme. He was then convicted in 2004 on one felony count of conspiring to defraud the government. Convicted felons are not prohibited from running for Congress.

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