



MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Parties

RE: Michigan Senate Race

DATE: August 5, 2026

OVERVIEW

National Democrats have been taken over by their radical fringe. Abdulrahman Mohamed El-Sayed's primary victory is a warning signal for Michigan and the country. Despite more than \$60 million spent against him, the most extreme Senate nominee in modern history is now Democrats' only choice. They will do whatever it takes to make him a United States Senator, and Republicans must do everything in our power to stop them.

Current polling shows Mike Rogers leading El-Sayed by two points. President Trump carried Michigan by just over one point in 2024, and Rogers came within a fraction of a percentage point of winning this seat. The Democrat primary results show their party is deeply divided with nearly half of voters rejecting El-Sayed. Nothing indicates he will be able to unite his party or build a working class coalition, but Michigan is a true 50/50 battleground where we cannot take a single vote for granted.

THE STAKES FOR SENATE CONTROL

Michigan is Democrats' most important defense state in the fight for Senate control. National Democrats, organized labor, progressive special interests, and outside groups will spend tens of millions of dollars to hold this seat. We must be prepared to fight just as relentlessly.

For Democrats, this race is not about Abdul El-Sayed: it is about control of the Senate. They don't care about his agenda or the threat he poses to our economy or national security. They will unite behind him to keep their hopes of the majority alive.

For Republicans, the stakes are clear: defeating El-Sayed is the best way to stop the surge of Democratic Socialists and radical terrorist sympathizers supporting his candidacy.

THE MOST RADICAL NOMINEE IN HISTORY

We cannot wait for Democrats to reinvent El-Sayed to swing voters. El-Sayed aligns himself with terrorist sympathizers who said America deserved 9/11. He would eliminate private health insurance, dismantle the oil and gas industry, abolish ICE, defund the police, put the government in control of corporate boards, and institute crippling new taxes.

El-Sayed is not just another Democrat; he's the most radical Senate nominee in U.S. history. His agenda would drive up costs, destroy Michigan jobs, and make families across the country less safe. He has already told voters who he is. We must not allow Democrats to redefine him.

CONCLUSION

With only 45 days until voting begins, the fight to win in Michigan begins immediately. Last cycle, more than 500,000 Michiganders had already cast their ballots before Mike Rogers or aligned groups were on statewide television. We cannot afford to let that happen again.

The next six weeks, not the final six, will determine the outcome of this race. Every day we wait gives Democrats more time to redefine El-Sayed and fewer opportunities to reach the voters in the middle who will decide this election. Michigan remains one of our best pickup opportunities, but this race will not win itself. Acting now is critical to defining El-Sayed, highlighting Rogers' record, and reaching voters before the first ballots are cast.