

- **Chapter 112, Part III, Florida Statutes** (Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees)
- Federal Election Campaign Act (52 U.S.C. § 30101 et seq.), if applicable

Candidate Information

1. Full Name: Michael D. Pedersen (Mike)
2. Office Sought: U.S. Congress, District 19 - Florida
3. Election Cycle: 2026
4. Current Residence (City / County / State):
Cape Coral / Lee / Florida
5. Contact Information:
 - o Email: MDPedersen@aol.com or
 - o Phone: (239) 470-8298 Mike@MikePedersenForCongress.com

6. Education

(Degrees earned, institutions attended, years completed)

BS - U.S. Naval Academy - 1979

7. Professional Background

(Current and past employment, positions held, relevant experience)

Retired. Pharmaceutical Sales Rep, Trainer, & District Manager (22 Years)
U.S. Marine Corps Officer, Fighter Jet Flight Officer (20 Years)

8. Political & Community Experience

(Previous offices, boards, committees, volunteer service)

22 years Ast Coach (Volunteer) Mariner High Wrestling
20 years (Volunteer) U.S. Naval Academy Field Admissions Liaison Officer
3 years Youth Boxing Coach w/ Cape Coral Police Dept.

9. Family & Personal Background (Optional):

Father - Retired USAF LtCol - WWII P-38 Fighter Pilot
Brother - Retired Senior Federal Agent - DEA

10. Length of Residency in Voting District:

27 Years

11. Community Organization Memberships (Active):

Kiwanis, American Legion, VFW (All Cape Coral Chapters)

12. Reason for Seeking Office:

My life's mantra: "If not me, then who?" My service did not end when I retired from the Marine Corps.

13. Other Relevant Information:

*Florida has been my home state of record for 60 years.
Cape Coral has been my home for the past 27 years.*

Section II:

Candidate Ethical Conduct Commitment

I, the undersigned candidate for public office, voluntarily pledge to uphold ethical, transparent, and principled conduct throughout my campaign and, if elected, while serving in public office.

I acknowledge that compliance with Florida election and ethics laws—including but not limited to **Chapter 106 and Chapter 112, Florida Statutes**—represents the minimum legal requirement for candidates and public officials.

By signing this commitment, I affirm that I will hold myself to a higher ethical standard than mere legal compliance and agree to the following principles and obligations.

Foundational Commitments

1. Voluntary Participation

I voluntarily agree to participate in the **Ethical Campaign & Accountability Initiative (ECAI)** of the **Lee County Republican Executive Committee (LCREC)**.

2. Compliance With Law – Minimum Standard

I understand that compliance with Florida election and ethics laws, including but not limited to **Chapter 106 and Chapter 112, Florida Statutes**, represents the minimum legal requirement for candidates and public officials.

3. Commitment to a Higher Ethical Standard

I further affirm that I will hold myself to a higher ethical standard than mere legal compliance. I will conduct my campaign and, if elected, my public service in a manner that:

- Promotes transparency beyond technical reporting requirements
- Avoids conflicts of interest, whether actual, potential, or perceived
- Prevents even the appearance of impropriety or preferential treatment
- Protects public trust in the integrity of the electoral and governing process

publicly disavow such falsehoods and clarify that such conduct does not reflect my campaign's values or standards.

Part III CONFLICT OF INTEREST & FINANCIAL INTEGRITY DISCLOSURES

(Voluntary Transparency and Legal Compliance Commitment)

I. Conflict of Interest Disclosure Addendum *(Voluntary Transparency Statement)*

In furtherance of transparency and public confidence, I voluntarily disclose the following known or reasonably foreseeable circumstances that could create an actual or apparent conflict of interest if elected to the office sought:

☐ **Financial Interests**

Any ownership interest, beneficial interest, investment, or financial relationship in any business, partnership, corporation, real property, nonprofit entity, or other organization that may be regulated by, receive funding from, contract with, or otherwise be affected by decisions of the office sought.

☐ **Employment / Professional Relationships**

Any current or prospective employment, consulting arrangement, contractual relationship, board membership, fiduciary role, or compensated advisory position that could reasonably be perceived as influencing official decision-making.

☐ **Family / Household Interests**

Any professional, financial, contractual, or ownership interest held by an immediate family member or member of my household that could be affected by actions, votes, or influence of the office sought.

☐ **Contractual or Governmental Relationships**

Any existing or anticipated contract, subcontract, grant, procurement relationship, or lobbying relationship involving a governmental entity that may intersect with the duties of the office sought.

☐ **Other Circumstances Affecting Impartiality**

Any other circumstance that a reasonable person would conclude could impair, or appear to impair, my independence of judgment.

I understand that voluntary disclosure promotes transparency and does not automatically disqualify service. Where required by law, I will comply with applicable recusal requirements under Chapter 112, Florida Statutes.

☐ **Segregation and Proper Use of Campaign Funds**

I will maintain a clear separation between campaign funds and any personal or business accounts, consistent with § 106.11, Fla. Stat., ensuring campaign funds are deposited, maintained, and expended strictly in accordance with Florida law.

☐ **Misuse of Public Position Prohibited**

I will not corruptly use or attempt to use any official position or public resource to secure a special privilege, benefit, or exemption for myself or others, in violation of § 112.313(6), Fla. Stat.

☐ **Adherence to the Florida Code of Ethics**

I acknowledge and agree to conduct myself consistent with Chapter 112, Part III, Florida Statutes (Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees).

CANDIDATE ETHICAL COMMITMENT & CERTIFICATION *(Execution and Signature Page)*

I, Michael D. Pedersen, being a candidate for the office of U.S. Congress, FL D-19, affirm that I have carefully read and understand the foregoing **Conflict of Interest Disclosure Addendum, Donor Influence & Campaign Finance Transparency Commitment, and Financial Integrity and Conflicts of Interest Provisions.**

By signing below, I certify and acknowledge the following:

1. I voluntarily make the disclosures indicated herein to promote transparency and public confidence.
2. I affirm my commitment to comply with all applicable provisions of Florida law, including but not limited to:
 - Chapter 104, Florida Statutes
 - Chapter 106, Florida Statutes
 - Chapter 112, Part III, Florida Statutes
 - Chapter 838, Florida Statutes
3. I understand that this document is a voluntary ethical commitment in furtherance of accountability and party integrity.
4. I acknowledge that failure to comply with applicable law may subject me to investigation, penalties, or other consequences under Florida law, independent of this voluntary commitment.

- I will certify reports as true and correct to the best of my knowledge as required by law.

2. Refusal of Improper Influence

I affirm that:

- I will not solicit or accept contributions in exchange for official action, in violation of **F.S. § 106.19**.
- I will avoid conduct that would violate public trust standards under **F.S. § 112.313**.
- I will not participate in any "pay-to-play" arrangement or quid pro quo activity prohibited under state or federal law.

3. Third-Party & Affiliated Contributions

I affirm that:

- Any political committee, electioneering communication organization, or affiliated entity connected with my campaign will operate in compliance with **Chapter 106, Florida Statutes**.
- I will not coordinate or authorize actions designed to evade contribution limits or reporting requirements.
- I will cooperate with lawful oversight by the Florida Division of Elections or Florida Elections Commission.

4. Conflict of Interest Awareness

If elected, I acknowledge my obligation to:

- Abstain from voting where a voting conflict exists pursuant to **F.S. § 112.3143**.
- Comply with ethical disclosure requirements under **Chapter 112, Part III, Florida Statutes**.

Candidate Signature: Michael D. Pedersen

Printed Name: Michael D. Pedersen

Office Sought: U.S. Congress FL-D19

Date: 6/8/26

Information submitted pursuant to this commitment **may be published, in whole or in part**, in connection with the Ethical Campaign & Accountability Initiative (ECAI), including but not limited to voter guides, public reports, and other voter education materials.

Candidates who **fail to submit, decline participation, or do not respond by the stated deadline** may be publicly identified as **“Declined to Participate.”**

Use of the **ECAI Participation Badge** constitutes the candidate’s **acknowledgment and acceptance** of these disclosure terms and all applicable program standards. Any **misuse, misrepresentation, or use inconsistent with ECAI standards** shall result in **immediate revocation of badge usage rights**, including removal from all campaign materials, advertising, and public representations.

The ECAI reserves the right to **publicly disclose any revocation**, including a summary of the basis for such determination, through voter education materials and other public-facing platforms.

The Ethical Campaign & Accountability Initiative represents a renewed commitment to restoring **trust, integrity, and accountability** among Republican elected officials in Lee County. While compliance with applicable law is the minimum standard, this initiative calls upon candidates to adhere to a **higher level of ethical conduct**—grounded in honesty, transparency, and principled leadership in service to the citizens of Lee County.

To review the ECAI Non-Compliance Policy go to Leegop.org

Sincerely,

Susan Allen

**The Ethical Campaign & Accountability Initiative Committee
Lee County Republican Executive Committee (LCREC)**