

2025 New Jersey Gubernatorial Candidate Statement

(not to exceed 500 words)

Mikie Sherrill

Candidate Name:

Democratic

Ballot Designation/Political Party:

I pledged my first oath to the Constitution when I was 18 and entering the U.S. Naval Academy. I spent almost 10 years on active duty as a helicopter pilot and a Russian policy officer, where I led with high expectations of my team and myself. I joined the U.S. Attorney's Office in New Jersey, where I put our communities front and center to protect public safety.

I love New Jersey, and my husband and I are raising our four teenage kids here. I want to make this the best state to live, work, and raise a family. But for too many New Jerseyans, it's too damn hard to get by. Costs continue to rise, our kids are struggling, and a lack of accountability in Trenton is holding our state back. And now, President Trump's policies are making life harder and attacking our rights and freedoms.

I'm running for governor because we need a different kind of leadership. I'm a Democrat, but I'm a New Jerseyan first. I'll stand up to anyone, from special interests to my party, to deliver for our state.

In the Navy, we had a saying: Ship, Shipmate, Self. The mission was never about a single person — you always put your squadron ahead of yourself. We have to work together, and I'm ready to serve and be accountable to you.

I've listened to thousands of New Jerseyans tell me their stories, their hopes, and what keeps them up at night. What comes through loud and clear is that we all love this state. I could go on and on about people's favorite shore towns or their favorite diners. The thought of not being able to raise your kids or retire with dignity in Jersey is simply unacceptable. And I won't tolerate it.

So here's my pledge to you as your governor. I will:

- **Drive down costs, starting with your energy bills.** On Day One, I'll declare a State of Emergency on Utility Costs, halt rate increases, and open the floodgates on new energy infrastructure and cleaner and cheaper power generation, because more supply means lower bills. And I'll take on the grid operator driving costs up.

- **Take care of our kids.** Parents know that our kids are struggling. That's why I'll surge physical and mental healthcare resources into our schools, demand online safety for our kids and hold Big Tech accountable, and invest in proven solutions like high-impact tutoring in literacy and math to help get students back on track.

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- **Make Trenton transparent and accountable to the people.** I'll make sure that New Jerseyans can see exactly where their tax dollars are going, as well as the impact of those programs. I'll also modernize state government to make it work better for residents and businesses. And I'll drive customer service and accountability at state agencies, saving you time and money.

Read my full plan for New Jersey's future at www.mikiesherrill.com.

I hope to earn your vote. Let's get to work.

August 15, 2025

Date:



Candidate Signature: