

Nicola S. (Niki) Tsongas
U.S. Representative of Massachusetts (2007–2019)

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Time with Constituents

Representative Tsongas reveals the valuable experience she gained campaigning for her husband.
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I always enjoyed the, the reaching out and engaging with constituents or the voter. I just always enjoyed it. I learned so much from it. Seeing people in their, in their lives, in a district that's highly diverse, if you can't do that, you just can't represent well. Given that we, we all come from a particular walk of life, where we have to be able to put ourselves in other people's shoes. And it was always the, the thing I truly enjoyed about it. It was just, and it's a thing that I, that was the one thing I knew that I could do as a candidate, that I just had this long history of doing that. And so that piece of it was very, very familiar.