

***Missy Cotter Smasal Has Been Supported By Extreme Liberal Politicians Who Voted To Cut The Number Of Aircraft Carriers The Navy Must Keep Operational And Voted Against Pay Raises For Our Military Members.***

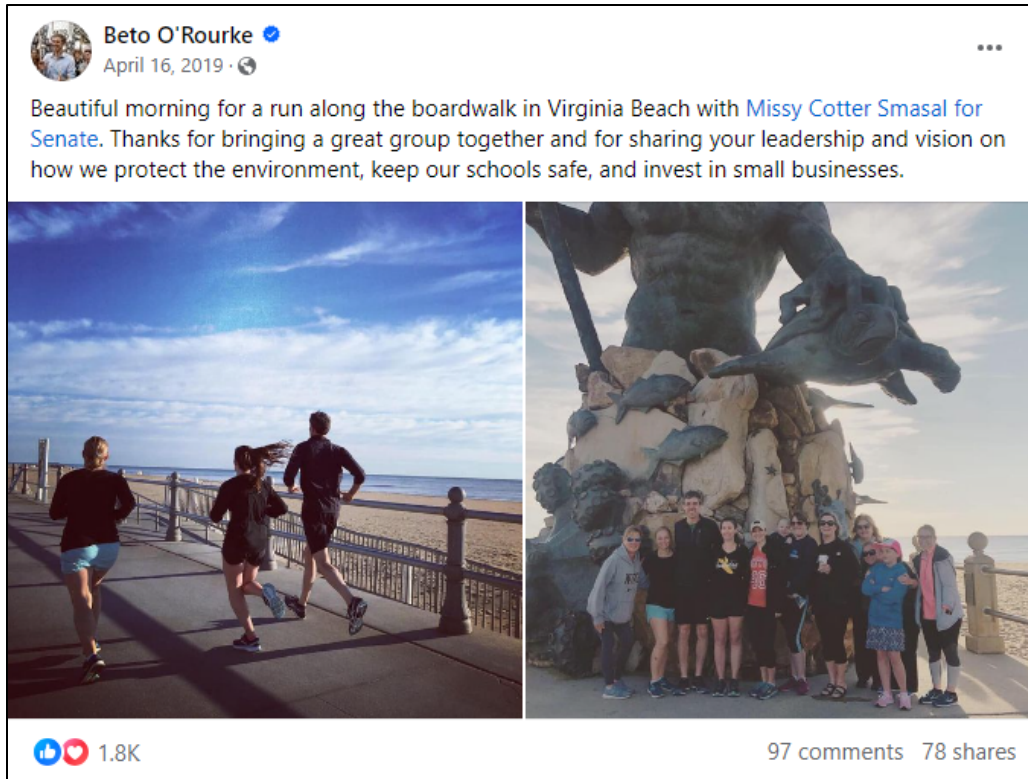
**Between 2019 And 2021, Smasal And Former Congressman Beto O'Rourke Have Supported Each Other's Political Endeavors**

**In 2019, While Running For State Senate, Cotter Smasal Tweeted, “Nothing Like Starting The Day With A Run On The Boardwalk With @BetoORourke.”** ([Twitter](#), 4/16/19)



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**Beto O'Rourke Thanked Smasal For “Sharing Your Leadership And Vision On How We Protect The Environment, Keep Our Schools Safe, And Invest In Small Business.”** “Beautiful morning for a run along the boardwalk in Virginia Beach with Missy Cotter Smasal for Senate. Thanks for bringing a great group together and for sharing your leadership and vision on how we protect the environment, keep our schools safe, and invest in small businesses.” (Beto O'Rourke, [Facebook](#), 4/16/19)



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**O'Rourke Spoke To Hampton Roads Citizens, Encouraging Them To Vote For Missy Cotter Smasal.** "Beto O'Rourke on Tuesday became the first 2020 Democratic presidential candidate to make an official campaign stop in Hampton Roads, speaking in front of a packed crowd inside Charlie's American Cafe on Granby Street. ... O'Rourke spent the beginning of his speech encouraging the crowd to support local politicians like Missy Cotter Smasal, a state Senate candidate from Virginia Beach who jogged with O'Rourke early Tuesday morning along the Oceanfront. Referencing the anniversary of the Virginia Tech shooting, which happened 12 years ago Tuesday and left 32 people dead, O'Rourke called out how the commonwealth has not since passed universal background checks on purchasing firearms. 'We can assume that this is inherent to who we are. That we are violent, we are evil, we are bad,' O'Rourke said of the massacre. 'Or we can understand that this is a human-caused problem with a human solution to it. If Virginia is going to pass universal background checks, we need Missy in your Senate.'" (Gordon Rago, "O'Rourke Makes Stop In Hampton Roads," [Daily Press](#), 4/16/24)

**During His Speech, O'Rourke Called Out How The Commonwealth Has Not Passed Universal Background Checks On Purchasing Firearms And Told Voters, "If Virginia Is Going To Pass Universal Background Checks, We Need Missy In Your Senate."** "Beto O'Rourke on Tuesday became the first 2020 Democratic presidential candidate to make an official campaign stop in Hampton Roads, speaking in front of a packed crowd inside Charlie's American Cafe on Granby Street. ... O'Rourke spent the beginning of his speech encouraging the crowd to support local politicians like Missy Cotter Smasal, a state

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**Smasal Amplified O'Rourke's 2021 Texas Gubernatorial Campaign Announcement On Twitter, Calling It "Great News."** (Missy Cotter Smasal, [Twitter](#), 11/15/21)



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## **O'Rourke Took Several Votes Against Funding The Military And For Paying United States Servicemen And Women**

**O'Rourke Voted Against The Department Of Defense Appropriation Act Of 2016, Which Would Have Provided A 2.3 Percent Across The Board Pay Raise For All Military Personnel.** “The Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2016 provides FY2016 appropriations to the Department of Defense (DOD) for military activities, including appropriations for Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO)/ Global War on Terrorism. The bill does not include funding for military construction, military family housing, civil works projects of the Army Corps of Engineers, and nuclear warheads, which are all considered in other appropriations bills. The bill increases total funding for DOD compared to FY2015 levels. The bill also includes increases for Operation and Maintenance; Procurement; and Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation. Compared to FY2015 levels, the bill decreases base funding for Military Personnel; Revolving and Management Funds; and other DOD Programs, including the Defense Health Program, Chemical Agents and Munitions Destruction, and Drug Interdiction and Counter-Drug Activities. The bill provides additional OCO funding for many accounts, including Military Personnel; Operation and Maintenance; Procurement; and Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation. OCO funding is not subject to discretionary spending limits and other budget enforcement procedures. The bill provides funding to increase basic pay for all military personnel by 2.3%.” (H.R. 2685, [Bill Summary](#), Clerk Of The House Of Representatives, [Roll Call 358](#), Passed 278-149, O'Rourke Voted NAY, 6/11/15)

**O'Rourke Voted Against The Department Of Defense Appropriations Act Of 2017, Which Would Have Increased Funding For The Department Of Defense.** “This bill provides FY2017 appropriations to the Department of Defense (DOD) for military activities, including appropriations for Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO)/ Global War on Terrorism. The bill does not include funding for military construction, military family housing, civil works projects of the Army Corps of Engineers, and nuclear warheads, which are all considered in other appropriations bills. The bill increases total funding for DOD compared to FY2016 levels and provides additional OCO funding for many accounts. OCO funding is not subject to discretionary spending limits and other budget enforcement procedures. The bill also contains provisions that prohibit or restrict funds from being used to close the Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, detention facility; transfer the detainees to other countries; or construct or modify facilities for the purpose of housing the detainees.” (H.R. 5293, [Bill Summary](#), Clerk Of The House Of Representatives, [Roll Call 332](#), Passed 282-138, O'Rourke Voted NAY, 6/16/16)

**In 2013, O'Rourke Voted For An Amendment To The 2014 NDAA Bill That Would Reduce The Number Of Operational Aircraft Carriers The Navy Must Have From 11 to 10.** “An amendment numbered 2 printed in Part B of House Report 113-108 to reduce from 11 to 10 the statutory requirement for the number of operational carriers that the U.S. Navy must have.” (H.Amdt. 142 To H.R. 1960, [Description](#), Clerk Of The House Of Representatives, [Roll Call 222](#), Failed 106-318, O'Rourke Voted AYE, 6/13/13)