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Berkshire County man challenges veteran lawmakers for 1st District seat

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Bill Shein is running for Congress because he thinks the Democratic party has lost its way.

A writer, information technology consultant, and former professional comedian who has never before run for elected office, Shein will face 11-term incumbent U.S. Rep. Richard Neal of Springfield and former state Sen. Andrea Nuciforo Jr. of Pittsfield in the Democratic primary Sept. 6 for the 1st Congressional District.

Shein, 45, who lives in Alford and announced his candidacy in January, says he is