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## FOREWORD

*Congressman Lee Zeldin*<sup>\*</sup>

I commend the *Touro Law Review* for their tireless efforts in publishing a conservative edition.

I believe in American exceptionalism. Next to my family, there is nothing that I am more grateful for than my American heritage. Our Founding Fathers intended for this Country to be the greatest in the world, as demonstrated by the document on which it stands, the American Constitution.

America is, and always has been, the greatest country in the world; a nation of freedom, hope, and opportunity built on the dreams of patriots. One of the many things that make America so great is that its citizens are not defined by who they are on the outside. Anyone can be an American citizen, regardless of race, religion, culture, skin color, or gender. People who desire to become part of our country are welcomed and encouraged here, because diversity is part of

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<sup>\*</sup> United States Congressman Lee Zeldin grew up in Suffolk County, New York, and graduated from William Floyd High School in Mastic Beach. He earned his bachelor's degree from the State University of New York at Albany and then his law degree from Albany Law School, becoming New York's youngest attorney at the time at the age of 23.

Lee spent four years on Active Duty with the U.S. Army and served in different capacities including as a Military Intelligence Officer, Federal Prosecutor and Military Magistrate. In the summer of 2006, while assigned to the Army's elite 82nd Airborne Division, Lee deployed to Iraq with an infantry battalion of fellow paratroopers in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In 2014, Lee was elected to the United States Congress to represent New York's First Congressional District on the east end of Long Island. He serves on three U.S. House Committees: Transportation & Infrastructure, Foreign Affairs and Veterans' Affairs, as well as several House subcommittees, including the Subcommittee on Aviation, which he serves as Vice Chairman. He also serves on the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, the Subcommittee on Railroad, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials, the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, the Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, and the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade. It should be noted that appointment to three House Committees is a rare opportunity for a freshman Congressman.

Lee also serves as co-chairman of the House Republican Israel Caucus, which has over 100 members.

what makes our great nation that much greater.

All of our freedoms and liberties granted to us by our Founding Fathers are protected by the Constitution. Unfortunately, under our current leadership, some of those freedoms that many of us take for granted are eroding away. Whether as a Major in the United States Army Reserves or a United States Congressman, I take my oath to uphold our Constitution, the backbone of our nation, very seriously. I love this great country and the principles on which it was founded, and I am honored to have the responsibility as a United States Congressman to support and defend our freedoms and liberties.

God bless the United States of America.