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## **PODER PAC ENDORSES Lucia Bàez-Geller FOR CONGRESS IN FL-27**

*The only national political action committee solely dedicated to electing pro-choice Democratic Latinas to Congress, PODER PAC is the latest group to endorse Lucia Bàez-Geller's campaign.*

**WASHINGTON, DC** – Today, PODER PAC, the first and only political action committee founded by and for Latinas to elect pro-choice, Democratic Latinas to Congress, is announcing the endorsement of Lucia Bàez-Geller for Florida's 27th congressional district.

"Lucia is an educator with a proven record of advocacy to keep schools safe and protect students from extreme attacks. Her legislative priorities encompass economic policies aimed at uplifting working families. As someone who values justice and equity, Lucia will stand firm in her support of women's right to choose." **said Ingrid Duran, PODER PAC Board Chair.** "PODER PAC proudly stands behind her."

"As a Latina, Lucia understands the importance of comprehensive immigration reform, investing in public education, and women's reproductive rights. Her work on the Miami-Dade County School Board exemplifies the kind of leadership Florida's 27th Congressional District needs." **said Catherine Pino, PODER PAC Board Member.**

"Receiving the endorsement of PODER PAC is a profound honor and a testament to our shared commitment to advancing the rights and voices of the Latino community. As a Latina candidate for Florida's 27th Congressional District, in which the Hispanic community comprises over 70% of the population, I am deeply grateful for their support in our mission to challenge systemic inequities and champion the rights of all individuals, particularly in the face of threats to reproductive freedoms. This endorsement fuels our determination to create positive change, not just in our district but across the nation, ensuring that our voices are heard and our rights are protected. Together, with the backing of PODER PAC, we will continue to rise, speak out, and pave the way for a more inclusive and just future for all." **said Lucia Bàez-Geller, candidate for U.S. Congress FL-27.**



*PODER PAC fuels innovative candidates who are determined to change the current political landscape and the institutions that govern us. Our empowered Latina candidates demonstrate a commitment to our Latino community and the inequities we face everyday.*

PODER PAC is the latest endorser to throw their support behind Lucia Bàez-Geller, joining BOLD PAC, Latino Victory Fund, and EMILYs List.

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### **About PODER PAC**

Founded in 2008, PODER PAC is the only national political action committee solely dedicated to electing pro-choice Democratic Latinas to Congress. An organization by Latinas and for Latinas, PODER PAC works to recruit, support, and connect pro-choice Democratic Latinas running for Congress. Since our founding, PODER PAC has supported over 70 Latinas running for elected office.

### **About Lucia Bàez-Geller**

Lucia Báez-Geller is an educator, community leader, and proud Floridian. The daughter of a Colombian mother, and a Cuban father, who came to Miami fleeing communism, Lucia saw the sacrifices her parents made to achieve the American Dream. Lucia's father fled communism in Cuba in the 1980's. He survived and found his way to America after spending a month living on the Peruvian embassy's ground with almost no food or water. Finally, he was able to board a ship heading for America. Lucia was raised by her single mother, who worked multiple jobs to ensure Lucia got the best education possible.

As the first in her family to go to college, Lucia has seen first hand how the power of education can change lives. That's why Lucia became a teacher for Miami's public school system, teaching thousands of students English and Language Arts at Miami Beach Senior High from 2005 to 2020. Lucia's passion for education and helping the community that built her prompted her to run for Miami-Dade County School Board District 3. Since 2020, Lucia has helped improve Miami-Dade's public schools, keeping schools safe, protecting all students from extreme attacks, and ensuring students are prepared to level up in the classroom.

Lucia graduated from Spring Hill College in 2005 with a degree in English and secondary education and later earned a MS in English Education and an Education Specialist degree in curriculum and instruction from Florida International University. Lucia and her husband David Geller are parents to a two year old daughter.