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I was born in 1962 to John and Sue, just before JFK died, and the beginning of color TV. I have 2 brothers and 2 sisters; we grew up in Winchester. I joined the Navy in 1980 and became one of Ronald Reagan's Cold War sailors. I volunteered for nuclear Submarines and became a member of the silent service, Submarines taught me how to think very quickly on my feet and deal with enormous amounts of stress. I got out of the service after 10 years in 1990 because of a divorce and received an honorable discharge. I found myself a single parent with 2 children to raise, so I went back to school and earned a Ba in chemistry from Eastern Kentucky University in 1996. My GPA was 3.22

I have lived every aspect of life you can think of. It was a struggle and we have been on every kind of assistance you can imagine. But student loans and assistance got us thru school, and I became a working-class single parent. The system was there when we needed it, it opened the door for us, so now I am a homeowner, a taxpayer, and I can fully support my family as well as my community. I am the living example of what the Government can and should do for its families.

I got remarried in 2004, my Beloved Cynthia and I have 6 children between us, 13 grands and counting. I have been working in automotive manufacturing going on 20 years now in Central Kentucky. I'm what you call a "factory rat." I have always been a conservative tree hugger and a scientist. My hobbies history, electronics, hiking and Legos. I love astronomy and humor. The Navy considered me a gifted teacher, tutor. I have often thought I might have been happier teaching high school science, but here we are.

I am like the Sacha Aquia of Trump country. Everyone knows that I, their old buddy 'Captain Nemo,' tells it like it is. Since D. Trump came down the escalator, it has been a remarkable journey for all of us. It has gone from funny to serious to threatening, The Republican party has divided all American families against each other. It's now time for all Americans to demand accountability. My coworkers can tell you that from the very beginning I said electing Trump was a bad idea. Now I think we can all thank Donald Trump for exposing just how villainous the Republican party has become.

Making a long story short, since 2015 I have watched the southern world, the people I love most, lose its collective mind because of the lies told by people who I can only describe as white trash carpet baggers, liars, in the right-wing media. They are tearing this country apart, by design, and now they want to cover up the January 6<sup>th</sup> insurrection. Anti-masking, anti-vaccines, and now Ivermectin prove to me the Republican party has gone mad. It is all about hate and lies. Staying relevant at all costs. Like Rand Paul.

It has been said that Democracy is lost when good men do nothing. I swore to defend this country against all enemies, foreign and domestic not once, but 3 times, and I must stand up and get involved now.

I am running for United States Senate in the Democratic Primary May 17th. I am declaring myself a Justice democrat and a Hilly Billy progressive. About a huge number of people in central KY call me Nemo and they think my message speaks to all Kentuckians They believe, and I agree, that I bring a cross over message and can build a coalition that beat Rand Paul in the general election.

I Truly Believe I can bring together a coalition of Democrats, Independents, and Republicans who are ashamed of what the GOP has become and would vote Democrat if they had someone who they trust. I can beat Rand Paul in the general. Kentucky deserves better than either of our senators, better than what the Republican party is offering. Kentucky deserves John Merrill. Kentucky needs a man like

"Captain Nemo:"

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