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After reaching out to Cris0001, The Detroit Free Press held a one-on-one radio interview with the Democratic contender, who is running for Congress in Central State's first congressional district. Here is the transcript:

INTERVIEWER: "Hello and welcome, Cris. We're glad you decided to come over to answer some questions about you and your campaign."

CRIS: "Thank you, I'm very glad to be here. I'll always take the time to address the concerns of my constituents."

INTERVIEWER: "How does it feel to have nominated to represent the people of Central's first district?"

CRIS: "It's an honor to be nominated to represent the good people of the Central State's first congressional district, and I'm excited to campaign to bring change to this district and to this nation."

INTERVIEWER: "Well, what can you tell me about your campaign?"

CRIS: "As you know, I formally launched my general election campaign last night in Grand Rapids. I'm set to have several more events between now and the general election. The campaign itself is completely grassroots--I won't take money from corporate donors or PACs. I want to show the people I'm one hundred percent accountable to them, and that I'm not serving at the whim of corporate lobbyists. So far, my grassroots campaign has had very good success."

INTERVIEWER: "How do you plan to get people involved in your grassroots campaign beyond donations and votes?"

CRIS: "Well, one thing I'd like to remind anyone viewing or reading this of is that voting is not enough to sustain a successful democracy. It is great to have people who vote and donate, but equally important are things like volunteering to canvass and even simple things like talking to their neighbors and friends about the pressing issues of the day. Folks can and should participate in democracy during non-election years--volunteering for non-profits, communicating with their representatives in government, and writing op-eds are all great ways to engage with our democracy. With more involvement in the democratic system, people can have a say in what the government does and keep their representatives in check. I plan to run a grassroots campaign by having a massive team of people canvassing all over the first district of Central, asking people to vote and donate to political campaigns. The overall mission is to increase voter participation in elections."

INTERVIEWER: "That sounds like a good plan. Now, what can you tell me about your policy agenda?"

CRIS: "My policy agenda is very progressive. I aim to pass comprehensive campaign finance reform, a \$15 minimum wage, and Medicare for All. I also plan to curb the influence of corporations on our elected officials."

INTERVIEWER: "What makes you so sure Medicare for All will be more effective than our current system, and how can you justify the huge expenses we're expecting from that system?"

CRIS: "The United States already spends \$3.2 trillion dollars on healthcare every year--that's over \$10,000 per person! What makes those numbers even more shocking is that they're massively higher than per capita health expenditures by other developed nations. There's an obvious lesson here, which is that our health care system doesn't have to be as oppressively expensive as it is. A system like Medicare for All would be more effective than our current system. Other developed nations have implemented similar systems to great effect. Even within the United States, we've found that the government-run health insurance systems like Medicare and Medicaid operate far more efficiently than private insurers do. When we expand them to cover all Americans, those savings would be even greater.

"It is true that we would need to fund the expansion of Medicare, but that doesn't mean it would be more expensive for the average American. Millions of Americans already spend huge sums of money on health expenses. The average American spends nearly \$4,000 per year on health insurance premiums as it stands--and that doesn't even include co-pays or other out of pocket expenses! Medicare for All would free us all of that burden and of the financial worries that currently accompany any medical issue."

INTERVIEWER: "This is my final question for the night. Your Republican opponent said some things that are frankly concerning at his campaign launch. What are some of the things he said and what would you like to respond to?"

CRIS: "Where do I begin? It seems ProgrammaticallySun7 is being a demagogue with the people of the first district. He insults the people of Central State's first district by attempting to fool them with rhetoric that demonizes the Democratic party. He accuses the Democratic party of wanting to take away guns from people, which is completely false. Democrats only want to ensure the wrong people-- those who would use them the wrong way-- don't get their hands on guns. In a country where citizens may bear arms freely, there must be some regulation to make sure guns don't fall into the wrong hands. That is not the same thing as taking away guns from people who already have them. My opponent also makes a habit of demonizing the government. Instead of trying to undermine the government, a good idea would be to let them help you. They're mandated to **promote the general welfare** by the United States Constitution.

And if the government is incompetent, then vote new people in. That is the goal for this federal election: vote out the Republicans and vote for Democrats."

INTERVIEWER: "Well, it seems our time's up. Thank you, Cris, for coming on with us today."

CRIS: "Thank you for having me here."

INTERVIEWER: "Tune in tomorrow night at 7:00. Good night, Detroit."