This is a fraction of LoBiondo's totals. his campaign spent \$1.1 million — more than 24 times as much as Shober's.

"Ms. Shober, with very little resources, tried to run a very active campaign, against all odds," Douglas said. The time spent traveling around the district reduced the time she could spend with voters.

"If you connect all the Wawas together, it's still a long trip around the district," he said.

LoBiondo's aide Jason Galanes pointed out LoBiondo won all eight South Jersey counties in the sprawling 2nd Congressional District.

Atlantic County, the largest county in the district, provided more than a third of the ballots cast. There, Obama and U.S. Sen. Bob Menendez, both Democrats, both won. So did LoBiondo.

"It demonstrates that he puts people first and not politics, and that is why I think you see a lot of cross-ticket voting," Galanes said, saying the results did not show weakness getting out the vote.

But now Democrats are wondering what could have been.

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