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Candidates Win!

It has been a busy year for our endorsed candidates. Of our first three candidates, Ed Markey and Robin Kelly won their special election races. Elizabeth Colbert Busch lost her election in South Carolina, but that has not deterred us from the final goal of having more progressive Democrats elected into office.

The Massachusetts Senate race was an important one, because it was the previously held seat of John Kerry. Nobody wanted to see a repeat of what happened with Ted Kennedy's seat going to Republican Scott Brown. Markey won the primary in April and then went on to win the special election in June. He won that race by gaining 55% of the vote. We are thrilled to see the seat stay with a Democrat, and are encouraged that he can win the seat again next year in the general election.

Robin Kelly won her primary for the Illinois 2nd seat, against other more conservative Democrats, with her strong gun control stance. Robin then went on to win the special election in April with about 70% of the vote. We know she will hold onto the seat in the general election next year, partially due to her firm progressive Democratic values.

DAPAC hopes and believes that we can continue this record of wins with the next batch of candidates, and to continue to grow our endorsed candidate list.

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Candidates for 2014

Federal Senate Seats:

Bruce Braley, Iowa Senate

First elected to the House of Representatives in 2006 with our help, he is the founder and chairman of the House Populist Caucus, which fights for the middle class through equitable taxes, fair wages, a level playing field, and secure retirement plans. He is running to replace Republican Tom Harkin, who is retiring.

www.brucebraley.com

Ed Markey, Massachusetts Senate

A member of the House of Representatives since 1976, Markey has been a leader on energy policy and climate change. He was chairman of the Committee for Energy Independence and Global Warming until Republicans decided to abolish the committee in 2011. He has sharply criticized Republican disbelief in science, once stating during a hearing, "I won't physically rise, because I'm worried that Republicans will overturn the law of gravity, sending us floating about the room." He is running to replace John Kerry, who recently resigned to become Secretary of State.

www.edmarkey.com

Federal House Seats:

Kerri Condley, CA-42

Robin Kelly, IL-02

Kelly won the special election this year to replace Jesse Jackson Jr., who resigned. Throughout her decades-long career in public service she has pursued a progressive agenda. She is running for the full term election in 2014. robinkellyforcongress.org

Bill Taylor, TN-03

Bill Taylor is a certified public accountant and holds a master’s degree in business administration from Loyola University of Chicago. He has spent the last 35 years working in healthcare. His business background uniquely qualifies him to help solve the major issues in our country: healthcare, jobs, and fiscal reform. He is a staunch supporter of the Affordable Care Act, but recognizes ways to improve it. He supports the freedom of choice and freedom from government intrusion into our personal lives. taylorforcongress.org

State House/Senate Seats:

Jan Bidwell, NJ-39, State Senate

Jan Bidwell is running a tough race in a long-held Republican district in Northern New Jersey. Jan is a lifelong progressive who has fought for women's rights since the 1970s and started an organization to help American Indians deal with a toxic Superfund site in New Jersey. She is running against a Senator who has spent his 30 years in office making extreme statements, comparing marriage equality to incest and accusing Planned Parenthood of supporting child prostitution. Please go to www.bidwellforsenate.com to help Jan win

Kerri Condley is running in CA-42 as a strongly pro-choice, woman business leader. She will fight for new jobs, protect every penny of Social Security and Medicare, and will protect people's homes and farms from the devastation brought by climate change. Her opponent is anti-choice Ken Calvert, who has corrupted the federal government by pushing legislation that made his real estate much more valuable and pocketing millions of dollars in profit. She wants a path to citizenship for all people. Her opponent wants a flat tax that will tax 77% of middle class people more, while lowering taxes on the wealthiest people. www.kerricondleyforcongress.com

April Freeman, FL-09

April Freeman is running in the 9th district of Florida. A strongly pro-choice businesswoman who owns and operates her own company, she is fighting Trey Radel, a radical conservative radio talk show host who is against a woman’s right to choose and doesn't believe in climate change. Trey Radel wants to balance the budget and reduce the deficit by taxing seniors and the middle class more. Freeman wants to protect seniors by protecting Social Security and Medicare, and raising the minimum wage to produce good paying jobs for Americans. www.aprilfreeman.com

Alan Greyson, FL-09

Alan is an aggressive proponent for job creation for good middle class jobs, healthcare that meets the needs of the people, strengthening Social Security and Medicare, and an outspoken critic of the proposed strike on Syria. graysonforcongress.com

this seat and bring some common sense to the State Senate.

Local Government Positions:

Bill de Blasio, New York City Mayor

New York City, our nation's largest city, is also our most prosperous with the largest economy. Many of the world's wealthiest people reside there, and the city controls about 40% of the world's finances. However, it is a case study in contrasts, as some of the most impoverished places in the United States lie within the five boroughs.

New York is electing a new mayor this year. Public Advocate Bill de Blasio is running for mayor with a bold, exciting agenda that addresses the needs of the 99% in New York. He is calling for an increase in taxes on the wealthy in order to provide universal pre-kindergarten and after-school programs for all middle school students.

He also plans to end discriminatory "stop-and-frisk" searches by the police. As the parent of two biracial teenagers, he understands the daily frustration and injustice young minorities have had to endure under this practice. With thousands of people being searched every day, and only 10% of searches resulting in any evidence of wrongdoing, the public safety benefit is questionable. de Blasio has a concrete plan for ending it.

For these reasons, we enthusiastically endorse Bill de Blasio for mayor of New York City.

www.billdeblasio.com

Allyson Schwartz, Pennsylvania Governor

Under Republican Governor Tom Corbett, Pennsylvania is facing a crisis in education. Corbett has cut the state education budget dramatically. He cut the higher education budget by half, as well as removing over \$1 billion from K12 schools. Under the state constitution, the state is the primary funding source for local schools, across the state they have had to close schools, lay off teachers, and cancel all extracurricular programs.

In addition, Corbett supported a bill introduced in the state legislature to require women considering abortion to receive an ultrasound and have their face turned toward the video screen while a doctor recorded their eye movement. Defending this abhorrent attack on human dignity, Corbett said, "I'm not making anyone watch, OK, because you just have to close your eyes."

Congresswoman Allyson Schwartz, who was elected to Congress in 2004 with our support, is now running to replace Corbett. A former social worker, she founded a Planned Parenthood clinic in Philadelphia and headed it for many years. She was later elected to the state senate, where she led an effort to create a health insurance program for Pennsylvania children. This same plan was used as a model for a nationwide children's health insurance program.

Unsurprisingly, with this background she was one of the primary movers behind the Affordable Care Act, authoring the provisions banning exclusions for preexisting conditions and allowing children to remain on their parents' insurance plan until age 26.

It is crucial that we back the best candidate to end Corbett's assault on the people of Pennsylvania. We endorse Allyson Schwartz for governor of Pennsylvania in 2014.

allysonschwartz.com

What DAPAC Does

DAPAC focuses on every facet of electoral politics. We are involved in every aspect of the campaign, with special attention on building a strong grassroots base, and crafting a compelling progressive message. We don't believe in "one-size-fits-all" solutions. We match our advice and guidance to the candidate's district, not the other way around. It all comes down to getting out the vote, and that's where experience matters most.

We target the most promising Congressional districts in the nation, using the most up-to-date electoral, demographic and census data available.

We recruit, train and advise candidates, covering all campaign techniques from fund raising and messaging, to field operations.

We provide contact information on potential donors to our endorsed candidates to help them fund their campaigns.

We provide hands on guidance, helping candidates to craft their message and to hire the most talented staffers.

We don't compromise on our values, and neither will our candidates. If these are your values, please make a donation to DAPAC today.

Who DAPAC Supports:

DAPAC supports progressive Democratic Congressional candidates. That's our mission. That's our passion. We interview dozens of candidates from around the country and talk to them not only about what kind of race they are going to run, but what kind of policies they favor. We screen every candidate to see where they stand on the issues that matter most. **We only endorse progressive candidates.** When you give to DAPAC you know that these are the kinds of men and women you are helping to elect to Congress.

All our candidates:

- are 100% Pro-Choice.
- support stronger GBLT rights.
- support working family and union rights.
- support honest and Democratic markets and businesses.
- support publicly funded universal health care.
- support strong environmental protection.
- protecting Social Security and Medicare.
- oppose the Patriot Act.
- oppose Iraq and Afghanistan wars.
- oppose the Death Penalty.

DAPAC is working to rebuild the Democratic Party from the ground up, to support strong candidates who will give voice to the issues that matter most.

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