

# DAPAC DISPATCH

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*Grassroots Activism for Progressive Democrats*

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### Attention Bernie Sanders Supporters!

Hillary deserves a chance to put the Bernie Sanders agenda in place that she agreed to do.

Help Hillary and Bernie get back Congress with progressive Democrats. Trump has decimated the Republican base, independent and swing voters. It creates a much better opportunity to get back the house. The Senate is almost a certainty. These voters who will determine the House and Senate outcomes are voters that ordinarily don't show up to vote in anything but presidential years. When they do show up many only vote for President because they believe the President is all powerful. They don't understand that the power is with Congress who write the laws that direct the country. The President can Only veto what Congress does. The President executes the laws of Congress. Today laws are written so finely that in most cases the President has very little leeway in execution of the laws.

**These infrequent voters are hard to contact because they are young (under 35) and mostly reside in a digital world. They are used to getting their information online and from social media. They watch very little television, only listen to radio for music, and don't read newspapers. They do not talk to people at their doors or on the**

**phone. They text, Snapchat, use Facebook, and post on blogs or on Twitter. This is why we need your support. We are developing a digital campaign with your support targeting these voters. You can help us reach them with your contribution. You can get back Congress and put a progressive agenda in place.**

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### Steps Needed to Win Back Congress this Election

- Have a Republican presidential candidate who has no chance of winning the election. An overbearing, shallow, greedy, billionaire buffoon who makes fun of people and is clueless about what policies will help the economy, solve social problems, or correct climate change for the American people.
- Pick progressive candidates who can win in competitive states and districts held by Republicans.
- Invest in progressive Democratic organizations like DAPAC that know how to identify and increase turnout for progressive Democratic candidates.

- Help DAPAC by writing a check to fund two proven methods to get out voters: door to door and social and digital media. This is the first time in election history that social and digital media will be important in turning out voters. Many voters, especially younger voters and tech voters, are not reachable at the door or by phone.
- Help DAPAC invest \$400,000 per competitive race.
- If you help DAPAC raise as much by small donors as Bernie Sanders did in the primary, you would help take the House and Senate.
- Give us the names of friends and relatives or contact them yourself and ask for a \$25 donation. Ask them to get involved in their future, their children's, nephews, nieces, and grandchildren's futures. Ask them to donate for their descendants or relatives who can't afford to donate to make a better future for them and everyone else.

We can change our economic future by rapidly growing the economy and wages, by eliminating discrimination, by investing in education and by finally stopping and reversing climate change. These make a better future for everyone.

**Thank you for helping make the future better for everyone.**

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### **Getting Under-Served Voters to the Polls**

**Many Democratic presidential voters don't bother to vote for Congress and, hence, vote against their own economic interest.**

Let's state the truth: since the Republicans have controlled Congress, economic inequality has gotten much worse. Median family incomes are down 14% in the last seven years. Obama fights for economic change but is stifled by the Republicans in Congress. About 77% of the eligible voters are currently still in recession after the economic downturn that began in 2008, and their family incomes and wages are continuing to decline. All wage growth is in the top 20% of workers. To win back Congress this election, you must get the voters in the bottom 80% to vote for a Democratic Congress and to vote in their own economic self-interest. This election's turnout is projected to go up from 33% in the last election to about 60% in this presidential election year, almost double the turnout of 2014.

But without Congress, no President can make any economic change to take the bottom 80% out of a permanent recession. You all know what to do about it by now: higher wages and a much more progressive income tax system as it was in the Kennedy-Johnson years. You create short-term growth in wages by spending on much needed infrastructure. You structure the economy with a much more progressive income tax system so that much of that growth goes to the bottom 80% of workers. Next, you invest more in education so people can create higher paying jobs in the future. Last, you solve climate change with educated voters.

If you have a Democratic Congress, this is the direction the economy would go. You know that the turnout among the bottom 80% of income earners will go up about 150% in this election.

**To get a Democratic Congress, what we must do is get the economic bottom 80% to believe that a Democratic Congress will dramatically improve their economic future.**

These voters will turn out for the presidential candidate because they hope the President will positively change their future. The message you have to get to them is that to vote for a progressive Democratic Congress is essential to that positive change they want in the future.

**Please help DAPAC get those voters our positive message and support us with a strong contribution. Your support is important in making all the positive change happen: bringing people out of poverty, eliminating economic inequality, educating people for the future, curing disease through better education and treatment, and ending climate change through the use of that knowledge.**

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## **Candidate Information**

### **Wisconsin - Russ Feingold**

Best known for his signature campaign finance bill, after three terms, he lost reelection to the Senate in the Republican wave year of 2010. **He is back for a rematch!**

### **New Hampshire - Maggie Hassan**

Currently in her second term as governor of New Hampshire, she has frozen tuition at state universities, lowered tuition at community colleges, and extended healthcare coverage to tens of thousands of people.

### **Pennsylvania - Katie McGinty**

A former environmental policy advisor to Vice President Al Gore and President Bill Clinton, she was Pennsylvania Secretary of Environmental Protection under Governor Ed Rendell, and most recently, Chief of Staff to current Governor Tom Wolf.

### **North Carolina - Deborah Ross**

Formerly North Carolina director for the ACLU, she has served 10 years in the General Assembly, becoming a Democratic Whip. In the legislature, she championed ethics reform, justice for domestic violence victims, and safeguards for victims of predatory lending.

### **Illinois - Tammy Duckworth**

An Iraq War veteran, Duckworth lost both legs when a helicopter she was piloting was hit by a rocket. She has served in the House since 2013. Before this she served as Assistant Secretary for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs in the United States Department of Veterans Affairs from April 24, 2009, to June 30, 2011, and as the Director of the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs from November 21, 2006, to February 8, 2009.

### **Arizona - Ann Kirkpatrick**

Ann is running even with John McCain in the latest poll by PPP. She is a strong pro-choice and gay marriage supporter. She is progressive on economic policy, unlike John McCain who favors cutting taxes on the rich and cutting Social Security benefits. She was born and raised on an Indian reservation in Arizona where her mother taught. In contrast to McCain, she has supported legislation to raise Social Security benefits. On immigration, she supports a path to citizenship

and a temporary worker program. John McCain tries to portray himself as a moderate but his voting record is just the opposite – he is one of the most conservative senators in Congress. The only progressive legislation he has supported is the McCain-Feingold fundraising regulation bill.

### **Nevada - Catherine Cortez Masto**

Catherine Cortez Masto, the former Attorney General in Nevada is noted for winning a judgment against the Bank of America for \$750 million for deceptive marketing and lending practices. In addition, she won \$1.9 billion in relief from the big banks to Nevadans for their illegally forcing Nevadans out of their homes. She is running for Harry Reid's seat as he is retiring. Harry Reid is a good friend of her father. She is running on a platform to overturn Citizen's United, protect Medicare and Social Security, raise the minimum wage, and provide a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants.