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Working Together To Elect Democrats

Message From Chair, Kim Savage

It's the economy, stupid. The mantra from 1992 keeps ringing through my ears every time I hear the spin doctors try to distort and distract voters from the real issues. The evidence is everywhere; the half empty Metra parking lots, readily available tables at popular restaurants, exploding college enrollments, unplowed streets during winter, longer grass on the public right of ways, are just a few examples. These things demonstrate that people are out of work, and chances are that more than one of your family members, neighbors, or other friends is among them. Or, maybe you are also unemployed or underemployed.

As Democrats, we need to continue to take pride in our advocacy for

improving the quality of life for all of the people in our country. From voter registration to engaging Democratic voters in the political process, we must all do what we can to insure that we rebuild a robust economy in Illinois and in the United States that provides good jobs and supports responsible businesses. The grassroots support that helped shape the health care debate was vital to the historic passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The health care legislation is important as it impacts one-sixth of our economy. While grassroots initiatives will continue to improve health care accessibility, it is important to join together to push for job creation.

In Illinois, House Deputy Majority

Leader Lou Lang is actively leading the charge as chair of a jobs creation task force. The bi-partisan task force is holding hearings throughout the state to gather input on how the General Assembly can improve the overall employment picture in Illinois. Democratic candidates from Governor Quinn to our county board candidates, Karol Sole and Catherine Sewell, are committed to insuring that our communities grow employment opportunities that will make our state and county flourish. Illinois State Treasurer and U.S. Senate Candidate, Alexi Giannoulias, has worked proactively to save jobs in Illinois for the workers at HartMarx and Republic Windows. Robin Kelly,

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We DID IT! We Passed Health Care Reform.

WE MADE IT HAPPEN!

It took hard work to get this legislation passed. There were tremendous pressures on Washington, many factions and many powerful lobbies exerting anti-reform influence. But progressive Democrats organized and found their own voices. And the DGT-Dems were there right from the beginning.

Our organization helped you understand health care reform and vigorously express your support for it. It was your effort combined with ours, in conjunction with many grassroots health care reform organizations like Campaign for Better Health Care, that shaped the recent success.

Some people think that their civic duty is done after they vote—but not

the DGT-Dems and not you! We knew our votes in the last election made reform possible, even probable. Yet this yearlong health care reform process illustrated that the need for involvement continues long past those minutes in the ballot booth.

The focus may be off health care for now, but victory for a more just and safe America still waits in the wings. We need to protect jobs and encourage the creation of new jobs. We need to protect the middle class with legislation that will secure jobs with decent pay.

We need legislation that will promote fair trade practices. We need education equality and opportunity. We need legislation that will establish effective controls over the financial

industry.

These are all key planks of the Democratic agenda. But to achieve these things, we have to put Democrats in office and then keep the pressure on them so that the Democrats elected act like the Democrats they said they were.

We can be sure that if the GOP had control of the White House, Congress and the courts, there'd be little hope of keeping the middle class from losing ground. The GOP did every thing they could to stop the passage of health care reform. They broadcast lies and continued that tactic even after Democrats kept making concessions to get some Republican support. The GOP voted in a solid block

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against reform, just as Republicans have voted NO as an almost solid block on too many bills. Let the DGT Dems be your line in the sand against GOP scare tactics.

We worked hard for victory November 2008. We voted for change we could believe in. Now we see that we are the change.

NOW is the time to elect more Democrats in our local communities, for statewide office, and to carry our message to Washington.

NOW is the time to remain engaged and active. Keep calling our elected officials. Keep marching for our beliefs. Keep talking with friends and neighbors. Register voters. And, above all, support Democrats.

NOW is the time to join with the DGT Dems. We can do it! *Here's how:*

Contact Information For Elected And Appointed Officials

Want to be heard on: health care reform, jobs creation, mortgage protection, the wars, Guantanamo Bay, education, fair trade, Wall Street and the banking industry...etc?

TELL PRESIDENT OBAMA WHAT YOU THINK

President Obama
1600 Pennsylvania Ave
Washington D.C 20500
Call (202) 456-1111
Fax (202) 456-2461

TELL SENATOR DICK DURBIN WHAT YOU THINK

Senator Dick Durbin
309 Hart Senate Building
Washington D.C. 20510
Call (202) 224-2152
Fax (202) 228-0400
Chicago office Fax (312) 353-0150

TELL SENATOR ROLAND BURRIS WHAT YOU THINK

Senator Burris
387 Russell Senate Building
Washington D.C. 20510
Call (202) 224-2854
Fax (202) 228-3333
Chicago phone (312) 886-3506

TELL REPRESENTATIVE JUDY BIGGERT WHAT YOU THINK

Congresswoman Judy Biggert
6262 S. Rte 83
Suite 305
Willowbrook IL 60527
Call Willowbrook (630) 655-2052
Call Washington (202) 225-3515
Washington Fax (202) 225-9420

TELL ATTORNEY GENERAL ERIC HOLDER WHAT YOU THINK

Main switchboard (202) 514-2000
Comment Line (202) 353-1555

Your voices make a difference! Stay engaged and let them know what you think. Spread the word to your friends and family too.

Illinois Delegation Health Care Reform Votes

YES VOTES:

1st Congressional District,
Rep. Bobby Rush (D)

2nd Congressional District,
Rep. Jesse Jackson, Jr. (D)

4th Congressional District,
Rep. Luis Gutierrez (D)

5th Congressional District,
Rep. Mike Quigley (D)

7th Congressional District,
Rep. Danny Davis (D)

8th Congressional District,
Rep. Melissa Bean (D)

9th Congressional District,
Rep. Jan Schakowsky (D)

11th Congressional District,
Rep. Debbie Halvorson (D)

12th Congressional District,
Rep. Jerry Costello (D)

14th Congressional District,
Rep. Bill Foster (D)

17th Congressional District,
Rep. Phil Hare (D)

NO VOTES:

3rd Congressional District,
Rep. Daniel Lipinski (D)

6TH Congressional District,
Rep. Peter Roskam (R)

10TH Congressional District,
Rep. Mark Kirk (R)

13Th Congressional District,
Rep. Judy Biggert (R)

15Th Congressional District,
Rep. Tom Johnson (R)

16Th Congressional District,
Rep. Don Manzullo (R)

18Th Congressional District,
Rep. Aaron Schock (R)

19TH Congressional District,
Rep. John Shimkus (R)

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On Your Fridge!**



Among Key Provisions Of The Health Care Reform Bill:

(Parts are excerpted from a web article by Bob Grotenhuls KTSM News Channel 9)

► Offers health care insurance to tens of millions of Americans who currently can not afford it, including allowing children to stay on their parents' insurance plans until the age of 26

► Prohibits denying coverage to people with pre-existing conditions

► Prohibits insurance companies from discontinuing coverage for people when they get sick

► Prohibits life-time coverage caps

► New health insurance exchanges will provide coverage to individuals and small businesses

► Community Health Centers will provide access to health care in communities where it is needed most.

► Eliminates targeted provisions for specific states

► Softens the tax on high-value insurance plans of organized labor workers

► Contains an education provision that is a domestic priority of President Obama which ends government reliance on private lenders for higher education loans

► Affirms current law against taxpayer money going to pay for abortions.

DGTDems Officers Were Re-Elected For The Next Two Years

OFFICERS

Kim Savage, *Chair*

Karol Sole, *Vice Chair*

Joanna Williams, *Treasurer*

Beth Brownson, *Secretary*

Red Brownson, *Sgt. at Arms*

We also elected delegates and alternates to the Democratic Party of DuPage County Executive Committee

DELEGATES

Karol Sole

Julia Beckman

Greg Hose

Kay Vlahos

Mark Gerrity

Red Brownson

ALTERNATES

Carol DiCola

Chris Hotchkin

Elizabeth Snyder

Chris English

Meg Kadlec

Paul Kreft

Congratulations to officers, delegates, and alternates. Thanks for your ongoing work on behalf of our organization and the people in our township.

We have much work to do on the local level to register voters and to get Democrats out to vote in November. Please stay up to date on local initiatives and help out when you can.

Representative Judy Biggert **Votes NO** On Things We Care About

Judy Biggert just voted NO on the health care reform bill. She voted NO despite the fact that she says she is against insurance companies denying coverage to people for pre-existing conditions. This bill prohibits this discrimination as well as discrimination based on gender, or health status.

In 2009, Representative Judy Biggert voted nay 11 times and yea only 5 times. **She is a loyal member of the Party of NO.** Want to change things in Washington? Support Scott Harper for Congress in 2010. **Scott will vote for our families.**

Check out Judy's votes at www.themiddleclass.org

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candidate for Illinois State Treasurer has made job creation and retention a priority for her campaign and has worked to provide seed money through the Treasurer's office for developing technologies; to date 34 companies have received venture capital money through the Treasurer's office. Through their various elected offices, Attorney General Lisa Madigan, Secretary of State Jesse White, and State Representative and Illinois Comptroller Candidate David Miller, have been friends to labor and tireless advocates

for improving the quality of life in Illinois. In addition, our 13th Congressional District Candidate, Scott Harper, has first-hand experience and a proven track record in job creation through his own business ventures.

We are fortunate to have so many outstanding candidates on the ticket who will bring leadership to solve many of the issues facing our state. The addition of Sheila Simon to the lineup expands the perspective by including a dynamic voice from downstate. While many people are bemoaning the cur-

rent state of our economy and political gridlock, I am excited by the enthusiasm and vision that our candidates offer toward building a brighter future in Illinois.

I encourage all of you to do your homework to separate the truth from the spin. It is time for all Democrats to work together to insure that we put our state on the right course and continue to influence change nationwide. Please do what you can this summer to make sure we elect Democrats this fall.



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**Don't forget
Our Excellent Slate
of Democrats
Running in November**

SCOTT HARPER

Congressional Dist 13

DENNIS P CLARK

President of the Forest Preserve

CAROLE CHENEY

County Board Chair

MATT MOSTOWIK

Representative to the General
Assembly Dist 82

KAROL SOLE

County Board Dist. 3

KATHRYN VLAHOS

Rep to the General Assembly Dist 42

JIM SPETA

Rep to the General Assembly Dist. 47

HILARY DENK

Forest Preserve Commission Dist 2

CATHERINE SEWELL

DuPage County Board Dist 2

Scott Harper for Congress

The 13th District Congressional Race, the GOP and Scott Harper

If you still think that there is no difference between today's GOP and today's Democrats, look at this one example from recent news stories. On Wednesday, April 8th, Virginia Governor, Bob McDonnell, declared April Confederate History month. He never mentioned slavery and secession as the cause of the war. This was a gift to the Tea Party haters in the GOP. Only after an uproar in all media did he add that slavery was wrong!

Today's GOP is leaning ever further right and extreme to please the most energized faction of the party's supporters. Rep. Biggert is going along with the most extreme factions voting for the sorts of bills that she never had before in her congressional career.

Supporting and voting for Scott Harper is key to making sure the far right GOP doesn't gain any further traction. November 2010 will be another crucial election!

Please visit Scott Harper's website,
www.ScottHarperforCongress.com

Check out where Scott stands on the ISSUES. Watch the clips and then, contribute!

It is safe and easy. Scott has DCCC support and a team of dedicated hardworking volunteers, many of whom are your friends and neighbors. He also has a crack team of seasoned experts.

**Scott is working hard at this run but, he cannot
DO THIS without you!**

