

# DAPAC DISPATCH

## Democrats Advancing Progressive Action in Congress

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### **THIS IS NOT THE AMERICA WE WANT!**

**Congressman Boehner, House Minority Leader, says passing the health care reform act would be the start of Armageddon in America.**

**Republican congressman from Texas calls Democratic congressman “babykiller”.**

**RNC Chairman says Speaker Pelosi should be put before a firing squad.**

**Republican House Minority Leader John Boehner Calls Democratic congressman “Dead Man” for Voting “yes” on Health Care!**

**Please donate now to help us elect true progressive candidates to Congress.**

**Were you shocked by this?** These are the actions and comments of the desperate people of the right we are facing in the next election. Republicans' extremist rhetoric has inflamed the right wing fringe of the Republican Party. Even after seven Democratic district offices were attacked with smashed windows, federal representatives were faced with intimidating acts, racist and other slurs, and death threats were received by democratic officials, Republican officials continued their inciteful commentary. This is what we are dealing with; Republicans want to win at all costs, even if it incites violent behavior, hate, and lies. Republicans are scapegoating progressive Democrats for the economic destruction Republicans caused. With their continuation of the Republican practice of repeatedly telling lies, they believe they can convince people that Republicans have solutions to America's problems. They know if they don't do this, they will be held responsible, lose power, and this anger will be directed at them.

Republican officials and commentators are inciting the Republican right fringe into a frenzied state. Instead of leading people in a rational political response, they continue to use inflammatory language and tactics designed to provoke anger not constructive political action. We must act now to save the middle class and the working class people of the United States, and organize them to support

progressive values. Right now they are on an anti-government explosive course which can lead to the destruction of our government and our country. We can do this by helping true progressive Democrats to begin grassroots bottom-up campaigns to clear out the Republicans who will continue their lies and support of policies that have failed.

This health care bill is a step in the correct direction. However, DAPAC is calling for a Medicare-like program for everyone, one that ensures health care is provided over the profits of health insurance companies. Basic health care should be a right, not a privilege for the richest.

Our answer is to organize progressives, Democrats, Independents, and moderate Republicans who have been drifting into the Tea Party movement. The Tea Party has been funded by mainstream Republican PACs and the John Birch Society. They have directed the members of the Tea Party movement to vote for Republicans. They are building on the frenzy they created due to the recession Republicans created. We must not allow them to be successful. We must get out the message. We need your support to do just that! We must get out the message that the Republican Party continues to support policies that are detrimental to middle class and working class Americans. We must get out the

positive message that we are the party of the people. The party and the movement that will demand rights and the respect for middle and working class Americans that they deserve. We must ensure the economy works for everyone!

Many prospective Democratic candidates are concerned about the viability of campaigns in this current atmosphere. We need your help so we can continue to screen, endorse, and help candidates fund their campaigns who will get the message out and organize the grassroots to make this country safe and secure again. We need candidates who support YOUR values. Please donate now.

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### **Join the Fight to Elect**

### **Progressive Democrats!**

#### **Newly Endorsed Candidates:**

##### **\*Dan Seals, IL-10\***

**Website: [dansealsforcongress.com](http://dansealsforcongress.com)**

Dan's career spans both the private and public sectors. He has been a high school teacher, a lecturer at Northwestern University, an aide to the Assistant Secretary of Commerce, held a Presidential Management Fellowship, worked in large businesses and currently is a business consultant. He received an MBA from the University of Chicago, and an MA from the Johns Hopkins University. He also served as an Economics Fellow in the Senate.

Dan supports DAPAC's values of working family and union rights, honest and democratic markets and businesses, universal health care, equal rights for LGBTs, strong environmental protections, a woman's right to choose, and opposes the death penalty, the Iraq War, and the Patriot Act. He has shown his commitment to win this race; he has continued to fight with a grassroots efforts by meeting with various community groups and voters in the district for the last four years and has increased voter support for progressive Democratic values and his candidacy.

Dan ran in the last election in this district and lost to the Republican incumbent, Mark Kirk, by 53% to

47%. Kirk is currently running to fill the seat previously held by President Obama, and will not run for re-election to the House.

This is an open seat with no incumbent running. The district covers the northern Chicago suburbs, starting with Evanston, running north along Lake Michigan to the Illinois border with Wisconsin. The northern sections of the district are heavily Democratic leaning, but have suffered from low turnouts until the 2008 election of Barack Obama. If they are energized by an African American candidate like Dan again, he will win. The middle of the district is very affluent, upper-middle class suburbs of Wilmette, Winnetka, Glencoe, Highland Park and Lake Forest. Voters in these areas tend to vary between moderate Republicans to moderately liberal Democrats. President Obama won the district by 10 points and part of the reason Mark Kirk is stepping down is because the district is now rated moderately Democratic with a Cook Rating of D+5 (Democratic 55% 45%).

##### **\*Paul Hodes, Senate, NH\***

**Website: [paulhodesforsenate.com](http://paulhodesforsenate.com)**

Paul was endorsed by DAPAC and won election to the House in New Hampshire's second district in 2006. During his time in office he has worked on legislation to develop the economy, ensure that college students could keep their health insurance when they become ill and to ensure veterans can receive deserved benefits.

Paul had a distinguished legal career for the State of New Hampshire and in private practice before running for public office. As a lead prosecutor for the state of New Hampshire, he successfully prosecuted the first criminal environmental case against polluters.

Paul supports DAPAC's values of working family and union rights, honest and democratic markets and businesses, universal health care, equal rights for LGBTs, strong environmental protections, a woman's right to choose, equal pay for equal work, and opposes the death penalty, the Iraq War, and the Patriot Act. He has pledged to continue his support of these values.

A study conducted by the University of New Hampshire indicated that the state has been trending Democratic even with the immigration of Republicans from Massachusetts into the southern region of the state. Immigrants from other states tended to be Democrats.

**\*Joe Sestak, Senate, Pennsylvania\***  
**Website: [joesestak.com](http://joesestak.com)**

Joe was endorsed by DAPAC and elected to the House PA-07 seat in 2006. He has been active in promoting policies supporting health care reform, education, LGBT rights, national defense, veterans needs, and many other issues.

Joe achieved the rank of 3-star Admiral while in the US Navy for 31 years. He attended the U.S. Naval Academy and also has a Ph.D. from Harvard University in Political Economy and Government. He has had sea commands with responsibility for large numbers of ships, aircraft and up to 15,000 Sailors, Marines and SEALs during combat operations in Afghanistan and Iraq, and headed the Navy anti-terrorism unit formed after 9/11. He was Bill Clinton's Director for Defense Policy and oversaw the Navy's \$70 billion warfare budget as Deputy Chief of Naval Operations.

Joe supports DAPAC's values of working family and union rights, honest and democratic markets and businesses, universal health care, equal rights for LGBTs, strong environmental protections, a woman's right to choose, and opposes the death penalty, the Iraq War, and the Patriot Act. His strong support of LGBT rights is based upon his understanding of how important civil rights are to all people and his experience working side-by-side with them in the military.

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### **More New Candidates Being Screened**

We begin working with potential candidates before endorsing them to ensure that they understand what their tasks will be, how campaigns work and how we can help them. Currently, we are screening and consulting with several new candidates in Florida,

Michigan and California and will be adding them to our website, [dapac.org](http://dapac.org) as soon as we can endorse them.

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### **Sen. Arlen Specter (PA) Democrat or Republican?**

If Republicans win the Senate in the Fall, will Sen. Specter switch back to the Republican Party? He pledged before he last switched to the Democratic Party to support the Republican Platform, including pro-life policies. Then he switched when it looked like he was going to lose power. Can he be a reliable vote for Democratic values or will he change parties again after Democrats help to re-elect him. Specter has switched from the Democratic Party to the Republican Party before; can we really be sure that he will continue to be a Democrat for long?

We are supporting Joe Sestak because we know where he has stood and continues to stand, for progressive values and for choice. Nobody can say that about his opponent, Arlen Specter. Just ask Anita Hill and many other women. Even if Specter wins, he might change to the Republican Party if they retake the Senate.

**Please support our candidate for the Senate in Pennsylvania, Joe Sestak, an authentic progressive Democrat – A man of honor and integrity.**

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**DAPAC contributors, pat yourselves on the back!** All DAPAC's currently endorsed congressional members that you helped elect voted for the health care bill. The Democrats who voted against it were all candidates we interviewed and refused to endorse. You are helping us pick out true progressives to invest your time, money and effort to get elected.

## 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 fundraising 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.

## DAPAC Supports

**DAPAC supports progressive Congressional challengers.** 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 now 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 gay and lesbian rights.**
- **support working family and union rights.**
- **support honest and Democratic markets and businesses.**
- **support publicly funded universal healthcare.**
- **support strong environmental protection.**
- **oppose the Patriot Act.**
- **oppose the Iraq War.**
- **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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