ELECTIONS MATTER

Elections matter. Every race matters to the make up of the House and Senate. Anti-choice candidates promise more restrictions. Gun advocates will stand in the way of sensible gun legislation. Climate deniers will continue to stand in the way of important environmental regulations. JAC-supported candidates need your help. Pick one, two or many of these candidates to support. Use the enclosed envelope to send your support today. No amount is too small - these races rely on JAC!

2014 SENATE CANDIDATES YOU SHOULD KNOW

Each of these Senate candidates is a strong supporter of the US-Israel relationship, Israel’s right to self-defense, especially against terrorist rockets fired at civilians. They also supported increased foreign assistance to Israel and the Iron Dome defense system.

Mark Udall
Colorado - D
Senator Mark Udall is running for reelection from Colorado. He sits on the Armed Services and Energy and Natural Resources Committees. Udall is a strong vote on women’s issues, including reproductive rights, and on the environment, an issue vital to his state. He co-sponsored the Not My Boss’ Business bill following the Hobby Lobby ruling, and supported the vote on background checks for gun purchases. He strongly supports the US-Israel relationship, and Israel’s right to self-defense during the recent crisis. This will be a close race and Mark Udall needs the support of JAC membership.

Gary Peters
Michigan - D
Representative Gary Peters is running for the Senate seat of retiring Michigan Senator and longtime JAC friend Carl Levin. Peters is a strong vote on all of JAC issues. He strongly supports Israel’s right to self-defense during the recent crisis. His opponent is against a woman’s right to choose and her campaign even used Peters’ teen-aged daughters in an anti-choice ad. She has refused to denounce this despicable ad funded by the Koch brothers. Let’s refuse to allow her to be elected to the Senate.

Kay Hagan
North Carolina - D
Senator Kay Hagan is in a tough re-election race in North Carolina against an opponent who claims his proudest moment was being endorsed by Right to Life. His views mirror the views of this extreme anti-choice group. Hagan was a co-sponsor of the Not My Boss’ Business bill following the recent Hobby Lobby ruling, and has strongly supported Israel’s right to self-defense in the recent crisis. While Hagan voted to demand background checks on gun purchasers, her opponent voted, in NC Senate, to allow guns in bars, parks, churches and schools. Hagan is a friend of JAC and her votes are needed in the U.S. Senate.

Bruce Braley
Iowa - D
Representative Bruce Braley is running for the seat of retiring Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA). Braley has been an excellent vote on JAC issues during his years in the House and would be a strong pro-Israel, pro-choice Senator. He traveled with The American Israel Education Foundation to see with his own eyes the dynamics at play in creating Middle East peace, security challenges in Syria and Iran, and other issues. He has strongly supported Israel’s right to self-defense in the recent crisis. JAC supports Braley for the Senate.

Mark Warner
Virginia - D
Senator Mark Warner is running for reelection in the state of Virginia. This former Governor was the first person in his family to graduate from college, finishing George Washington University as the Valedictorian of his class. He sits on several important committees, including Intelligence and Finance. He is a strong and reliable vote on Israel — supporting Israel’s right to self-defense — is pro-choice, and voted for the Manchin-Toomey bill to require background checks for gun purchases. Help JAC keep Senator Warner in the Senate.

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2014 HOUSE CANDIDATES YOU SHOULD KNOW

The House is currently made up of 199 Democrats, 233 Republicans, and 3 vacancies. To take the majority, Democrats need to win 19 seats in November. This year, every race will be tough, but every race matters. JAC-supported candidates will be another good vote on our issues. Here are some key races JAC is watching that need your support: each one supports a strong US-Israel relationship, including Israel’s right to self-defense in the current crisis, reproductive rights, and keeping religion separate from state. All are rematches.

**Illinois 10**
This is JAC’s home seat, currently represented by freshman Democrat **Brad Schneider**. Schneider defeated GOP incumbent Bob Dold with barely 50% in 2012 and will face Dold again this coming November. Ranked as a “toss-up,” the Chicago Sun-Times called this race a “dead heat.” Brad has been a member of JAC and involved in Chicago’s Jewish community for many years. He sits on the Foreign Affairs Committee and has been vocal and visible on issues concerning Israel. He is 100% pro-Choice and outspoken on women’s health issues. Dold has purchased a home outside the district since his last run. He called himself a moderate, but voted with GOP leadership the majority of the time he was in office.

**Illinois 17**
Freshman Democrat **Cheri Bustos** will face former GOP Rep. Bobby Schilling, whom she defeated with 53% in 2012. Bustos sits on the Agriculture and Transportation committees, both important to her district. She has been a consistent, positive vote on JAC’s issues, whereas Schilling, although good on Israel-related issues, was negative on choice and other domestic issues of concern to the Jewish community. He was a vote the GOP could always count on.

**New York 18**
Freshman Democrat **Sean Patrick Maloney** defeated GOP Rep. Nan Hayworth with 51% in 2012. Maloney has been an excellent vote on JAC’s issues, whereas Hayworth was a consistent GOP vote on domestic issues during the two years she held the Hudson Valley seat. Like Bustos, Maloney sits on the Agriculture and Transportation committees, both important to his district.

**Arizona 2**
Freshman Democrat **Ron Barber** will again face Air Force Veteran Martha McSally, whom he defeated with barely 50% in 2012. Barber was elected to the seat formerly held by Democratic Rep. Gabrielle Giffords after the shooting in January 2013. Barber won the special election to replace Giffords when she resigned, as well as the November 2012 regular election. Barber was Gifford’s district director and was also injured in the shooting. He sits on the Armed Services, Homeland Security, and Small Business Committees, and has become a vocal and visible supporter of gun violence prevention legislation. McSally is an anti-choice tea-party Republican and promises to be a consistent vote for the GOP leadership if she wins this seat.

These and many other races will depend on voter turn out and, especially, on women voters. These four freshmen have strong records supporting women’s issues, including choice and reproductive health. Help support their re-election. Donate to JAC. Make phone calls. Join our Get Out The Vote efforts. Knock on doors and talk to voters. Elections Matter.

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