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v.

MUR No. _____

National Republican Congressional Committee
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COMPLAINT

1. This complaint is filed pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(1) and is based on information and belief that the National Republican Congressional Committee (“NRCC”) (ID# C00075820), an unauthorized federal political committee, included the names of candidates in the names of NRCC special project websites used for solicitations and other activities, in violation of provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act (“FECA”), 2 U.S.C. § 431, *et seq.*, and Commission regulations.
2. Specifically, based on published reports and review of the actual websites, complainants have reason to believe that the NRCC has used the names of Democratic candidates in the names of at least 19 special project websites without such project names clearly and unambiguously showing opposition to the named candidates, in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 432(e)(4) and 11 C.F.R. § 102.14.

3. “If the Commission, upon receiving a complaint . . . has reason to believe that a person has committed, or is about to commit, a violation of [the FECA] . . . [t]he Commission shall make an investigation of such alleged violation” 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(2); *see also* 11 C.F.R. § 111.4(a) (emphasis added).

FACTS

4. The NRCC is an unauthorized committee.
5. On December 13, 2013, *National Journal* reported:

The National Republican Congressional Committee proudly launched a faux campaign website for Democratic candidate Domenic Recchia this week, mocking him as a “career politician . . . asking for your vote.” They even bought Google ads to direct New Yorkers to www.domenic-recchia.com, designed at first glance to look like it could be Recchia’s own, down to the same yellow star replacing the dot in the ‘i’ of his last name.

Shane Goldmacher, *Republican Look-Alike Sites Mocking Democrats May Violate Rules*, NATIONAL JOURNAL, Dec. 13, 2013, at <http://www.nationaljournal.com/politics/republican-look-alike-sites-mocking-democrats-may-violate-rules-20131212>.

6. On February 5, 2014, *Time* reported a similar website created by the NRCC clearly identifying Democratic congressional candidate Ann Kirkpatrick, explaining:

At first glance, AnnKirkpatrick.com looks like any normal campaign website. A big picture of the smiling Arizona Democrat stands next to a “Kirkpatrick For Congress” banner above a fat “DONATE” button, all in the same colors as those used by the real website for Kirkpatrick, who’s fighting to keep her House seat. Read closer and the text of the site reveals lines like “Kirkpatrick is a huge embarrassment to Arizona,” but anyone who didn’t bother to read the site closely (or who couldn’t due to bad eyesight) before trying to make a donation to Kirkpatrick’s campaign would find that they’d just contributed to the coffers of the National Republican Congressional Committee—the House GOP’s campaign arm backing Kirkpatrick’s opponent.

Denver Nicks, *Campaign Websites in 2014 Aren't Always What They Seem*, TIME, Feb. 5, 2014, at <http://swampland.time.com/2014/02/05/2014-nrcc-dccc-congress-midterm-elections-websites>. This *Time* article notes that it had counted 16 similar websites that had been set up by the NRCC at the time of publication. *Id.*

7. Complainants have identified 19 websites that include the names of candidates in the official URLs, page titles displayed in web browsers and in large-type banners on each page, and include prominent “Donate” or “Contribute” buttons, and indicate that the websites are paid for by the NRCC and not authorized by any candidate or candidate’s committee. Screenshots of the following 19 websites are attached to this complaint as Exhibit 1:

- “Ron Barber Congress”: <http://ronbarber2014.com>
- “John Barrow For Congress”: <http://johnbarrow2014.com>
- “Sean Eldridge For Congress 2014”: <http://seaneldridgeforcongress2014.com>
- “Better Call Bill[,] Bill Hughes Jr.”: <http://billhughesjrforcongress.com>
- “Kirkpatrick For Congress”: <http://annkirkpatrick.com>
- “Annie Kuster For Congress”: <http://anniekusterforcongress.com>
- “John Lewis For Congress”: <http://johnlewis4congress.com>
- “Mike Parrish US Congress”: <http://parrish4congress.com>
- “Nancy Pelosi For Congress”: <http://nancypelosi2014.com>
- “Collin Peterson For Congress ”: <http://collinpeterson2014.com>
- “Nick Rahall For Congress”: <http://nickrahallforcongress.com>
- “Domenic Recchia For Congress”: <http://domenic-recchia.com>
- “Amanda Renteria For Congress”: <http://renteria4congress.com>
- “Martha Robertson For Congress”: <http://martha-robertson.com>
- “Andrew Romanoff For Congress”: <http://andrewromanoff2014.com>
- “Carol Shea-Porter For Congress”: <http://sheaporterforcongress.com>
- “Kyrsten Sinema For Congress”: <http://sinemaforcongress.com>
- “Alex Sink Congress”: <http://sinkforcongress2014.com>

- “John Tierney For Congress”: <http://johntierney2014.com>
8. All but one (<http://renteria4congress.com>) of the 19 websites listed in the preceding paragraph contain prominent “Donate” or “Contribute” buttons.

SUMMARY OF LAW

9. Federal law prohibits any political committee that is not authorized by a candidate from including the name of any candidate in the committee’s name. *See* 2 U.S.C. § 432(e)(4). This restriction applies not only to a committee’s official name registered with the Commission, but also to “any name under which a committee conducts activities, such as solicitations or other communications, including a special project name or other designation[.]” 11 C.F.R. § 102.14(a), “unless the title of a special project or other communication . . . clearly and unambiguously shows opposition to the named candidate[.]” *id.* at § 102.14(b)(3).
10. The candidate name restriction applies to “any name under which a committee conducts activities,” 11 C.F.R. § 102.14(a), because of the Commission’s “concern[s] about the potential for confusion or abuse when an unauthorized committee uses a candidate’s name in the title of a special fundraising project.” FEC, *Special Fundraising Projects and Other Use of Candidate Names by Unauthorized Committees*, Final Rules and Explanation and Justification, 57 Fed. Reg. 31424 (July 15, 1992). The Commission explained: “A person who receives such a communication may not understand that it is made on behalf the committee rather than the candidate whose name appears in the project’s title[.]” and that “the potential for confusion is equally great in all types of committee communications,” not merely the official committee titles. *Id.* at 31424-25.

11. Notwithstanding the restriction on the use of candidate names by an unauthorized committee in the name of the committee or of a special fundraising project of a committee, such committees remain free to “discuss any number of candidates, by name, in the body of the communication.” *Special Fundraising Projects and Other Use of Candidate Names by Unauthorized Committees*, Final Rules and Explanation and Justification, 57 Fed. Reg. at 31425.
12. In 1994, the Commission created a limited exception to the candidate name restriction to permit unauthorized committees to use the name of a candidate “in the title of a special project name or other communication if the title clearly and unambiguously shows opposition to the named candidate.” 11 C.F.R. § 102.14(b)(3) (emphasis added); *see also* FEC, *Special Fundraising Projects and Other Use of Candidate Names by Unauthorized Committees*, Final Rules and Explanation and Justification, 59 Fed. Reg. 17267 (Apr. 12, 1994).
13. The Commission made clear in Advisory Opinion 1995-09 that, for the purpose of the candidate name restriction, the “operation of a World Wide Web site would be considered a project” of a committee. *Id.* at 6. Thus, an unauthorized committee is prohibited from using a candidate’s name in the name of a website unless the name clearly and unambiguously shows opposition to the named candidate.
14. More recently, in MUR 6399 (Yoder for Congress), the Commission again made clear that the candidate name restriction applies to websites. MUR 6399 entailed allegations that the Yoder for Congress committee, the authorized committee of congressional candidate Kevin Yoder, violated the candidate name restriction when it created a website

at www.StepheneMoore.com (no longer available), which contained negative information regarding Mr. Yoder's electoral opponent, Ms. Stephene Moore.

- i. The First General Counsel's Report recommended that the Commission find reason to believe that Yoder for Congress violated 2 U.S.C § 432(e)(4) and 11 C.F.R. § 102.14(a) by using the name of a candidate in the name of a special project website without the name clearly and unambiguously showing opposition to candidate Moore.
- ii. The Commission failed by a vote of 2-3 to approve the Office of General Counsel's recommendation to find reason to believe that Yoder for Congress had violated the candidate name restriction, with then-Chair Bauerly and Commissioner Weintraub voting to find reason to believe, and then-Vice Chair Hunter and Commissioners Petersen and McGahn voting against a finding of reason to believe. *See* FEC Certification, MUR 6399 (Yoder), April 28, 2011. Those voting not to find reason to believe concluded that the candidate name restriction was inapplicable to Yoder for Congress because it was an authorized committee and the candidate name restriction at 2 U.S.C § 432(e)(4) and 11 C.F.R. § 102.14(a) apply only to unauthorized committees. *See* Statement of Reasons of Vice Chair Caroline C. Hunter and Commissioners Donald F. McGahn and Matthew S. Petersen, MUR 6399 (Yoder), 1 (June 23, 2011). Additionally, those voting not to find reason to believe concluded that, even if the candidate name restriction applied to the Yoder for Congress committee's website at www.StepheneMoore.com, the website does not violate the law because "(1) the website's title was the name that appeared at the top of the site—"No

Stephene Moore”—and . . . (2) this title conveyed clear and unambiguous opposition to Yoder’s opponent.”

CAUSE OF ACTION

COUNT I: NRCC UNLAWFULLY INCLUDED THE NAMES OF CANDIDATES IN THE TITLES OF NRCC WEBSITES

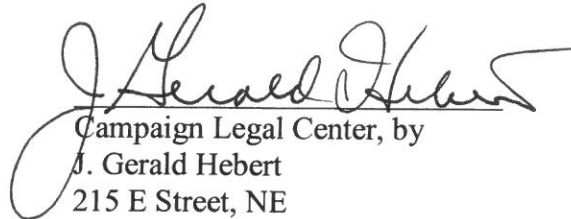
15. The 19 websites listed in ¶7 were paid for by the NRCC, an unauthorized committee, and constitute special projects of the NRCC under which the NRCC conducts activities including solicitations. Consequently, these NRCC websites are subject to the candidate name restrictions of 11 C.F.R. § 102.14(a).
16. The 19 NRCC websites listed in ¶7 include the names of candidates in the website URLs, the page titles of the websites displayed in web browsers and in the banner titles appearing in large font at the top of each web page—*e.g.*, “Ron Barber Congress,” “John Barrow For Congress,” “Sean Eldridge For Congress 2014,” etc.
17. Neither the URLs, page titles, nor the banner titles clearly and unambiguously show opposition to the named candidates. On the contrary, far from having titles clear about their opposition to the named candidates, the NRCC’s websites contain textbook language indicating support for these candidates—*e.g.*, “Sean Eldridge For Congress 2014” at the URL <http://seaneldridgeforcongress2014.com>. Indeed, the phrases of support used in the NRCC website URLs, page title and banner titles are of the same type as the examples of express advocacy or support the Supreme Court used in *Buckley v. Valeo*, 424 U.S. 1, 44 n.52 (1976), such as “Smith for Congress.”


18. Therefore, these 19 NRCC websites, as well as any other NRCC websites that include a candidate's name in a title that does not clearly and unambiguously show opposition to the named candidate, violate 2 U.S.C. § 432(e)(4) and 11 C.F.R. § 102.14.
19. Thus, the rationale of the three Commissioners who opposed the reason to believe finding in MUR 6399 does not apply to the NRCC here, both because the NRCC, unlike the Yoder for Congress committee, is not an authorized committee, and because there is nothing on the NRCC project websites that conveyed clear opposition to the candidates whose names were used.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

20. Wherefore, the Commission should find reason to believe that the NRCC has violated 2 U.S.C. § 431 *et seq.*, including 2 U.S.C. § 432(e)(4) as applied by 11 C.F.R. § 102.14, and conduct an immediate investigation under 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(2). Further, the Commission should determine and impose appropriate sanctions for any and all violations, should enjoin the respondent from any and all violations in the future, and should impose such additional remedies as are necessary and appropriate to ensure compliance with the FECA.

Respectfully submitted,


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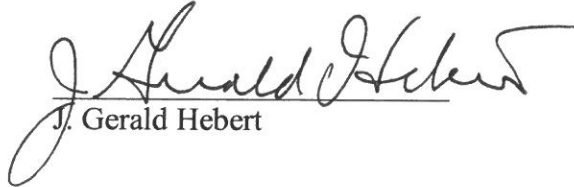
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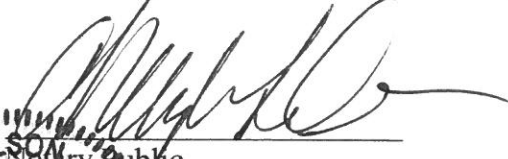
The complainants listed below hereby verify that the statements made in the attached Complaint are, upon their information and belief, true.

Sworn to pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

For Complainant Campaign Legal Center


J. Gerald Hebert

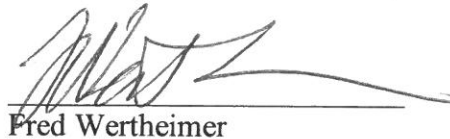
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My Commission Expires October 31, 2014

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Exhibit 1

Ron Barber

CONGRESS

Ron Barber is running for Congress because he is more interested in keeping his job than making sure there are jobs for you and your family.

Barber will say just about anything to get elected – even if that means just going along with what Washington special interests tell him to do.

How out-of-touch is Ron Barber?

- Barber voted against a balanced budget that bans taxpayer-funded first class travel for Members of Congress (Roll Call #88, 3/20/13)
- Barber voted against constructing the Keystone Pipeline (Roll Call #179, 3/22/13)
- Barber voted to allow student loan interest rates to increase (Roll Call #183, 5/23/13)
- Barber even voted against work requirements for food stamps — requirements passed under Democratic President Clinton. (Roll Call #476, 9/19/2013)

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John Barrow FOR CONGRESS

Georgia families know John Barrow is not fighting for them in Washington. You know it's bad when your own newspaper writes this about your self-serving approach.

"On major issues in which the Democratic leadership in Washington is pushing the country to the far left, Barrow has waited until the coast is clear — in other words, until it's clear the Democrats have enough votes without him — before voting against his party, in order to look good back home." – Augusta Chronicle Editorial Staff

- John Barrow is your typical say-and-do-anything-to-get-elected politician. His own hometown newspaper even called him two-faced and said that his approach was disingenuous condescension.
- With his vote for Obama's failed stimulus program which costs families \$800 billion, and his vote to keep the Medicare-slashing ObamaCare, Georgians know that John Barrow is not fighting for them.

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Sean Eldridge

FOR CONGRESS 2014

Multi-millionaire Sean Eldridge is running for Congress so that he can take his rightful place alongside the liberal elitist establishment in Washington D.C. that is seeking to return America to the one-party rule of 2008-10. Sean is hoping to buy your support in the coming 18 months and he put a big down payment on that purchase when he bought his new \$2 million dollar mansion in Shokan so that he could run for Congress.



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- Represented a client who pled guilty to falsifying tax returns in a large tax fraud scheme.
- Represented a client who pled guilty to participating in a large internet credit card fraud and criminal copyright network.

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KIRKPATRICK FOR CONGRESS

A career politician and insider, Kirkpatrick was booted out of Congress by Arizonans in 2010 after she sided with Nancy Pelosi and supported ObamaCare. But in 2012, she managed to return after Pelosi's allies came to her rescue with millions of dollars.

That probably explains why Kirkpatrick continues to be in in Pelosi's back pocket.

Kirkpatrick is a huge embarrassment to Arizona. How?

- Kirkpatrick walked out on her own town hall because she didn't want to answer questions about voting for ObamaCare.
- After she lost the election, Kirkpatrick brought campaign staffers on the official House payroll then spent over \$100,000 in taxpayer funds on salaries and bonuses for just two days of work.
- Kirkpatrick voted to keep the Grand Canyon shut down so she could protect ObamaCare.
- Kirkpatrick isn't just liberal – she doesn't even do her job as a representative. She missed 16 votes in just her first few days back in Congress.

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ANNIE KUSTER for CONGRESS



Annie Kuster has been in Congress for less than two years, and she has already adopted a typical Washington D.C. attitude - **one set of rules for Kuster and one set of rules for everyone else.**

Kuster wants New Hampshire families to pay more in taxes so that the federal government can spend it on disasters like Obamacare, but millionaire Kuster was delinquent on \$44,000 of her own taxes because, as she said, "life is expensive." And while Kuster was dodging the tax man in New Hampshire, she was putting together a fully out-of-touch voting record in Washington:

- Kuster has voted for Nancy Pelosi's job killing agenda 94% of the time, proving that she is anything but an independent voice for New Hampshire.
- Kuster has consistently supported Obamacare and made no attempts to change the law, delay the law, or to do anything other than stand by and nod approvingly as people receive notices that their health insurance plans have been cancelled or that their premiums are going up.
- Kuster also chose politics over solutions, voting against a bipartisan proposal to keep student loan rates lower for New Hampshire college and graduate students.

From the minute Annie Kuster got to Congress, she proved that she would be another Washington D.C. hypocrite, dodging taxes and playing by her own set of rules while continually voting against New Hampshire families and small businesses.

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JOHN LEWIS FOR CONGRESS

John Lewis is tired of sitting on the sidelines watching his boss, longtime liberal crusader Max Baucus, get all the credit for advancing President Obama's out-of-touch agenda, including ObamaCare. But despite being ObamaCare's "chief architect," Baucus hasn't had any problem trying to distance himself from the law earlier this year, saying he sees "a huge train wreck coming." Will John Lewis put himself at odds with the President now that he'll be in the spotlight? Or will he stand by the disastrous bill his boss helped to craft?

John Lewis is bad for Montana:

- After more than a decade working under Baucus, John Lewis has pocketed over \$568,000 of taxpayers' money
- Lewis has been laying the groundwork for his campaign by visiting every county in Montana on the taxpayers' dime
- Lewis has spent nearly 12 years working under Baucus and was a top aide to the "chief architect" of Obamacare

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Please come back and visit this site to learn more about why Lewis needs to retire from Washington.

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MIKE PARRISH

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US CONGRESS

Michael Parrish was a lifelong Republican who donated thousands of dollars to Republican candidates and causes. Wanting to run for Congress in the 6th District of Pennsylvania, Parrish decided his easiest path would be to challenge Republican Congressman Jim Gerlach as a Democrat in a general election instead of as a Republican in a primary. Parrish switched his registration in December of 2013 and immediately abandoned his previously held political beliefs so that he could begin buying into the big government agenda of his new fundraiser-in-chief, Nancy Pelosi.

Of course, now that Congressman Jim Gerlach has announced his retirement, one has to wonder if Parrish wants to change his beliefs again and run as Republican. After all, these facts are going to make it pretty tough to run as a Democrat:

- Parrish was a lifelong Republican and decided to become a Democrat in December of 2013 so that he could run for Congress.
- Parrish donated \$275 to the Republican Federal Committee of Pennsylvania.
- Parrish donated \$250 to Republican Tom Manion's Congressional campaign.
- Parrish donated \$1,000 to Mitt Romney's 2012 Presidential campaign.
- Parrish donated \$2,000 to John McCain's 2008 Presidential campaign and \$2,000 to the McCain victory fund.


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Nancy Pelosi FOR CONGRESS

Nancy Pelosi: the former Speaker of the House and current House Democrat leader.

During her time as Speaker, she added trillions to the national debt, supported a failed stimulus, and wrote ObamaCare.

Aside from these disastrous laws, she simply is out of touch with the reality of Americans across the country:

- "We Have To Pass [ObamaCare], So That You Can Find Out What Is In It"
- ObamaCare's implementation is "Fabulous"
- "There Is No More [Spending] Cuts To Make."
- "It Is Almost A False Argument To Say We Have A Spending Problem."
- "I Don't Think [Obama's] Ever Done Anything For Political Reasons"

In 2014, she's going to do all she can to return to power and work with President Obama to cement his liberal legacy. She already has a Super PAC funded by Washington special interests smearing candidates across the country.


Photo Credit: Frederick Manligas Nacino

**Nancy Pelosi must never be Speaker again.
Republicans in the House are the last line of
defense for what President Obama wants:
total Democrat control of Congress. Don't
let this happen:**

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Collin Peterson FOR CONGRESS

**Washington is broken, and Collin
Peterson is part of the problem.**

- Peterson is so out of touch that at a time when many Minnesota families are struggling, he's willing to ask for a 27% increase in the federal gas tax. He even claimed that most people wouldn't notice!
- Collin Peterson's involvement with Cap and Trade, which hurts farmers, was so integral to its passage that President Obama recognized Peterson personally.
- Collin Peterson joined House Democrats in several votes to protect ObamaCare at the expense of shutting down the government.


After spending decades in government, Collin Peterson has lost touch with Minnesota families.

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Nick Rahall FOR CONGRESS

- Rahall voted for the 2014 House Progressive Caucus Budget which included a \$25 per ton carbon tax that would destroy coal jobs and devastate West Virginia's economy (Roll Call Vote 85, 3/20/13). Read about Rahall's carbon tax for yourself.

Impose a Price on Carbon Pollution – We can no longer afford to ignore our responsibility to future generations to address climate change before it is irreversible. The *Bad to the Bone Budget* would impose on polluters a \$25 per ton price on carbon dioxide (increasing at 5.6% a year), rebating 25% of all revenues as refundable credits to protect low-income families. The Energy Information Administration found that a similar proposal would result in carbon emissions reductions of 20% below 2005 levels by 2020. This would go a long way toward setting the United States on a path to avoid increasingly extreme and destructive weather, particularly when combined with air pollution control measures under the Clean Air Act and enhanced energy efficiency.

*Congressional Progressive Caucus Back to Work Budget
Executive Summary*

- Rahall's budget was so far left of the mainstream, only 84 Democrats voted for it while 102 Democrats voted against it (Roll Call Vote 85, 3/20/13)
- Rahall's carbon tax could put West Virginia's 20,000 coal jobs at risk and could adversely affect thousands more that are supported by the coal industry.
- Then Rahall joined Nancy Pelosi and a small, select group of liberal lawmakers for a special reception at the Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters where environmentalists praised the agency's increased power to wage a War on Coal.
- Rahall has also surrounded himself with Congressional staffers that have a long history of vehemently opposing the use of coal.

**The evidence is indisputable – Nick
Rahall has openly sold out West Virginia
and joined the War on Coal.**

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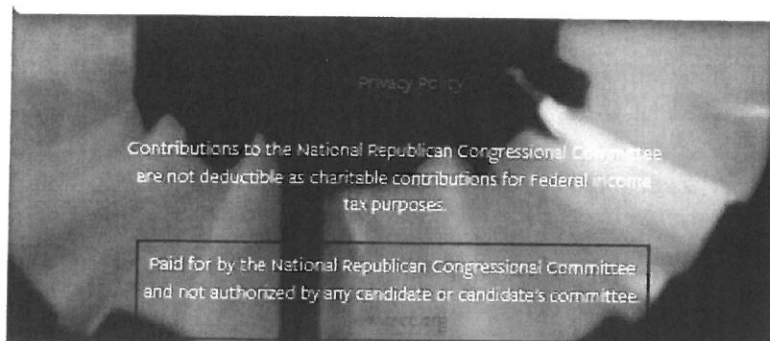
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Domenic Recchia — FOR CONGRESS —

Brooklyn resident and career politician Domenic Recchia is asking for your vote for Congress.

He found himself at a crossroads in 2012 - he was term-limited from running again as City Councilman for Brooklyn, yet he was desperate to keep his taxpayer-funded salary.

After testing the waters on a run for New York City Comptroller and Brooklyn Borough President, Recchia concluded that the most profitable option to continue his career as a politician was to get to Congress and take the \$174,000 salary. After all, \$174,000 is far more than Domenic could ever earn on the City Council, even though he has voted to raise his pay and has taken thousands of dollars in taxpayer-funded stipends, a.k.a. "Julus."

Here's a quick look at the record that Shady Dom Recchia can run on as he seeks to extend his political relevance:

- As City Councilman, Recchia voted for a bill that raised city property taxes by 18.49 percent "with virtually no public input." The bill was the largest property tax increase in the city's history at the time. In his time on the City Council, Recchia has routinely voted to increase property taxes, incomes taxes, cigarette taxes, and the sales tax. Recchia even voted to impose a surcharge on cellphones registered to New York City residents, costing them \$9 million per year.
- In 2008, Recchia voted for a plan to charge drivers \$8 to enter Manhattan below 60th St. Under the plan, cars would pay \$8 and trucks would pay \$4 to drive into the busiest parts of Manhattan between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, costing drivers an estimated \$49 million per year.
- Yet, despite increasing taxes on New Yorkers at virtually every opportunity, Recchia has been late with his property taxes every single quarter since 2010 - the very same year that Recchia became Chairman of the Finance Committee. He has also had numerous tax liens levied on his property for failure to pay his taxes.
- Recchia has used taxpayer money to help solidify his shady relationship with former Assemblyman Vito Lopez, who was a key player in getting Recchia appointed chairman of the Finance Committee and was recently fined \$330,000 by the legislative ethics commission for repeatedly groping a female staffer and sexually harassing others. Recchia directed millions of dollars in taxpayer money to the Ridgewood Bushwick Senior Citizens Council, founded by Lopez, despite it being a subject of a federal corruption probe.
- Just recently, Recchia sent a letter to a federal judge seeking leniency for a reputed Colombo mobster who will be sentenced this month for money laundering and illegal gambling. Recchia sent the letter on City Council letterhead extolling the community service performed by reputed mobster Angelo Spata after Hurricane Sandy. Spata, who is the son-in-law of official Colombo crime boss Carmine Persico, is a convicted racketeer.

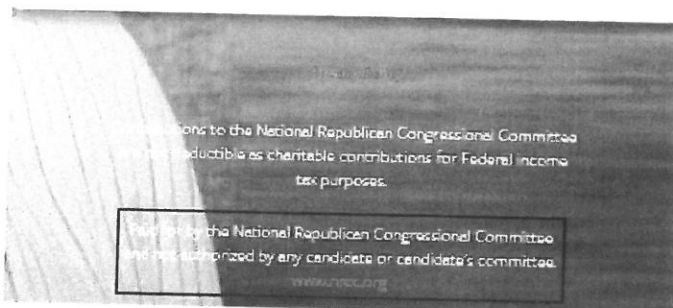
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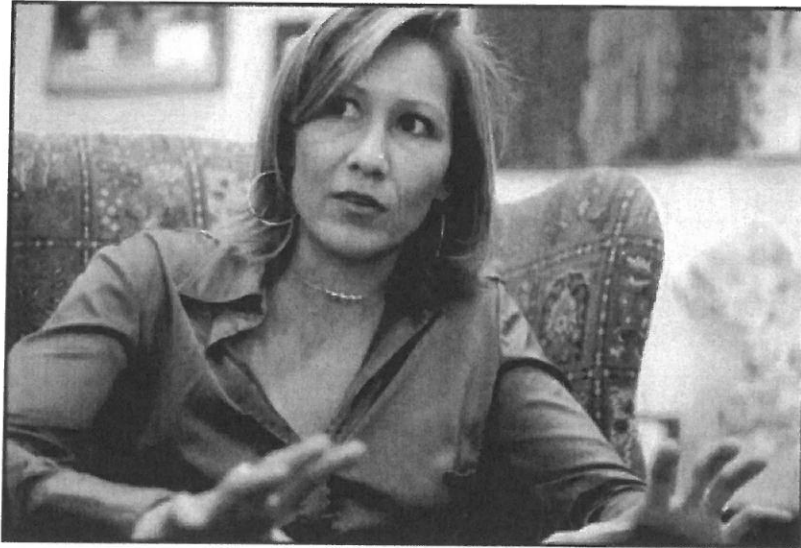


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AMANDA RENTERIA * FOR CONGRESS *



Amanda Renteria is the epitome of a Washington insider.

- After spending three years at one of Wall Street's biggest banks, Renteria took a trip through the revolving door to Capitol Hill and received over one million dollars in taxpayer-funded salary.
- Even worse, some of the same lawmakers she worked for voted to bailout her former Wall Street friends at a "too big to fail" bank.
- She has also worked for some of Washington's most liberal Democrats including Dianne Feinstein, a self-described "longtime advocate of high speed rail."

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Martha Robertson *for* congress

Martha Robertson "Our Congresswoman?"



After ten years on the Tompkins County Legislature where she consistently voted to raise taxes on middle class families, proud liberal Martha Robertson is looking to take her tax, spend, and waste routine to the United States Congress. Martha believes that the government needs to be more involved in our health care, that fighting climate change is the most important issue of the day, and that her lack of integrity shouldn't be discussed. That's not all:

- Robertson thinks that Obamacare does not go far enough to involve government in health care. Rather, Robertson believes that we must support a public option and move towards a single payer health care system.
- Robertson thinks that climate change is the most important issue facing our country today – more important than jobs, the economy, education, and national security.
- Robertson began her campaign by having a convicted child molester headline her fundraiser, then accepted a personal contribution from the same sex offender.
- Robertson made a baseless criminal accusation against Republicans in a recent fundraising email, sparking calls for a FBI investigation into whether Robertson committed federal wire fraud.

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ANDREW ROMANOFF

for CONGRESS

Andrew Romanoff is a professional politician who will do anything to further his political career – including moving to a congressional district just to run for office.

Romanoff even waged a failed campaign against a sitting Democrat U.S. Senator.

This Denver liberal voted more than 50 times for higher fees and taxes while serving in the Colorado Legislature and was the chief architect of one of the largest tax hikes in Colorado's history.

As Colorado's Speaker of the House, Andrew Romanoff oversaw the passage of some of the strictest immigration laws in the nation, including a law that would bar Colorado's undocumented immigrants from in-state college tuition.

Romanoff not only would have voted for ObamaCare, he claims it doesn't go far enough. Romanoff's support for ObamaCare won't sit well with the 335,000 Coloradans who will lose their health plans due to the President's health care law.

Romanoff is so out-of-touch with the needs of Colorado families, it's no wonder Washington Democrats and special interests recruited him to run for Congress.

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CAROL SHEA-PORTER ★ FOR CONGRESS ★

If Nancy Pelosi is to become Speaker of the House in 2014, she is going to need loyal liberal foot soldiers like Carol Shea-Porter by her side in Congress. Since her return to Congress in 2012, Shea-Porter has voted along partisan lines 95% of the time. The fact is, while Shea-Porter may preach bipartisanship on the campaign trail in New Hampshire, in Congress, she is one of Nancy Pelosi's most reliable rubber stamps.

- Carol Shea-Porter voted against an overwhelmingly bipartisan proposal that would require Congress to pass a budget in order for Members of Congress to be paid. Shea-Porter voted that way out of purely personal interest - according to Shea-Porter, "middle class" Members of Congress like herself need the money.
- Shea-Porter thinks that Obamacare does not go far enough to hand control of our health care over to the government. That is why Shea-Porter supports allowing states to move to a Canadian-style single payer system in which citizens have to buy health insurance from the federal government.
- Shea-Porter also voted against providing working moms the same flexibility and monetary compensation as government bureaucrats and against transferring funding to reduce the backlog of disabled veterans at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The bottom line is that Carol Shea-Porter is less interested in representing the First District of New Hampshire in Washington than she is in forcing more Washington D.C. bureaucracy on the First District of New Hampshire.

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Kyrsten Sinema for CONGRESS

A longtime partisan liberal and career politician, Kyrsten Sinema took her show on the road in 2012, when she was elected to the United States Congress. Obsessed with voting against a balanced budget, hiking student loan rates, and keeping ObamaCare—the law she helped craft—on the books, she fits right in among the legions of Nancy Pelosi Democrats in Washington.

When it comes down to it, Arizona families just can't trust Kyrsten Sinema. Here's why:

- Sinema can't be trusted to fix our nation's fiscal crisis because she voted against a plan to balance the federal budget and ban taxpayer-funded travel for Members of Congress. (Roll Call #88, 3/20/13)
- How can Sinema be expected to fix ObamaCare, when she helped craft the law and campaigned across Arizona in support of it?
- Women just can't trust Sinema to stand up for them. After all, she said women who stay-at-home are "leeching off their husbands or boyfriends."
- Students trusted Sinema to look out for them. Yet she voted to let student loan rates increase and held a bipartisan plan to lower them hostage. (Roll Call#183, 5/23/13)
- Why should Arizonans trust a career politician like her to change Washington? She's too busy spending her time in Congress doing national TV interviews and fawning magazine profiles.

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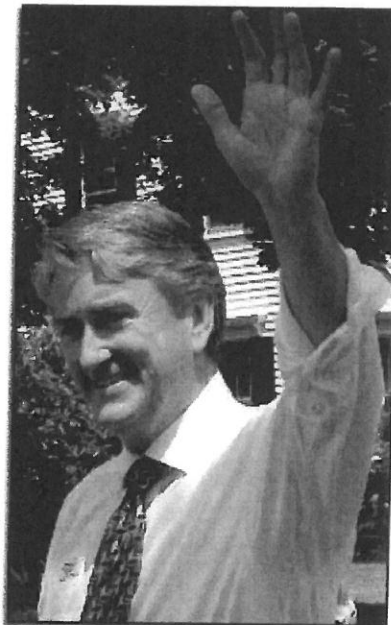
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John Tierney FOR CONGRESS

John Tierney may be infamous for his family's involvement with their illegal international gambling operation in Antigua, but Tierney is also one of the most extreme and partisan members of Congress whose unwillingness to work in a bipartisan way is holding our economy hostage. While middle class families in Massachusetts are trying their best to provide for their families, Tierney's out-of-the-mainstream policies will make it even harder for them to do that.

Here is what you need to know about John Tierney:

- John Tierney's brothers-in-law ran an illegal international gambling ring in Antigua. Tierney's wife Patricia managed \$7 million of that gambling money and she personally received close to a quarter-of-a-million in those gambling proceeds. Patricia went to jail for her involvement, but pleaded spousal privilege so that she would not have to testify against her husband, a sitting Congressman. Despite all of this, Tierney claims he knew nothing.
- In 2011 and 2013, Tierney voted for the Grjálva Budget, which would tax Massachusetts businesses at rates between 45% and 49% and would add a financial transactions tax that would harm middle class families saving for retirement.
- In fact, Tierney's budget vote was so out-of-the-mainstream that it couldn't get a majority of Democrats to vote for it, with even Nancy Pelosi voting against it. In talking about the budget that Tierney supports, former President Bill Clinton said: "its corporate tax proposals are so at variance with even our high-tax competitors that multi-nationals may be tempted to relocate to other countries," and that the financial transactions tax could lead to "high-dollar transactions now done in the United States being moved overseas with a net loss in revenue from the taxable incomes of people who do the transactions." Moreover, Clinton notes that the budget Tierney supported does nothing to help save Social Security, Medicare or Medicaid.



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