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**The People's Mandate—  
A New Direction**

dear members

We at NETWORK are excited about 2008 and the promise it holds for change. We have invited a wide variety of groups to work with us to create a process for waking up the American people. This moment is a golden opportunity to do things differently! I encourage you to carefully read this issue, in which we set out our vision for the future, as well as present the voting record for the first session of the 110th Congress.

Best of all though, I am excited to share that thanks to your efforts this past year, we tripled our 2007 e-advocacy over 2006! It marked the beginning of a great new direction in which we made a significant difference on the Hill. We still have much work to do, but we have honed our messages, streamlined our processes and engaged all of you around the country.

It is this renewed energy and reality that gives me hope. You are the lifeblood of NETWORK. Without your advocacy and support, we cannot continue. I urge you to continue to make change in 2008. Get your family and friends involved. Reach out to others to join us. Together, we can make the change that the world and our nation seek. I look forward to continuing the adventure with you!

*Simone Campbell, SSS*

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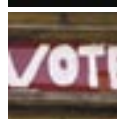
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We the People

# We the People

BY SIMONE CAMPBELL, SSS

We, the people, are the cornerstone of the 220-year-old U.S. Constitution. From the beginning, it was evident that our nation was built not on the divine right of kings, but the will of the governed. Bred in our bones is the democratic notion that we, the people, determine the role and direction of our nation. We learn in civics classes that we do this through elections and civic participation. We learn that we have three branches of government that balance each other—the theory is that one will provide a balance to another’s excess.

Over the years, there have been many shifts and changes within the parameters of the Constitution. The year after it was ratified, the Bill of Rights was added as its first ten amendments to protect individual liberties. Years later, slavery was ended, women got the vote, and presidents’ terms were limited.

Besides changes in the document itself, there have been more subtle cultural shifts with the changing needs of the times. In the last century, the New Deal was a response to the Great Depression, and government was seen as having a role in providing a safety net for citizens at risk. Social Security protected senior citizens from absolute poverty while Medicare later provided healthcare for seniors. President Johnson’s Great Society addressed racial discrimination, helped provide shelter for people in poverty and much more.

Beginning with post-Vietnam and post-Watergate disillusionment, citizens began to see government as more of a problem than a solution. President Reagan took this to a new level with the “get government off your back” rhetoric. We have survived 25 years during which this attitude has seeped into our culture. Congress has cut back on domestic programs. Administrations have privatized all manner of government services. Elected officials often refuse to resolve challenging issues, preferring to be reelected and keep special interests content. In this process, we, the people,

have been lulled into a complacency that is the antithesis of the inspiration that created our country.

It is time to wake up and claim our country back! We have reached a political crossroads where government is paralyzed and gridlock is considered a positive political stance. The only way to make a difference is that we, the people, must demand change. We must insist on government that returns to caring for the common good.

To that end, we at NETWORK are convening a broad cross section of Catholic organizations at a Convention for the Common Good in Philadelphia, July 11 to 13, 2008. Our goal is to claim back the best of our country’s idealism and demand that elected leaders resolve the most pressing needs of our times in the light of

Catholic Social Tradition. Before the Convention, we invite you and everyone we can find to work in small groups to wrestle with the aching needs of our time and what can be done about them. At the Convention we will adopt a platform for the common good and a Declaration of Interdependence

that we can use to ensure that politicians address our most pressing issues. On November 4, 2008, we will work to turn out the vote. And on November 5, we will begin the most important part of our work—holding our elected officials accountable and ensuring they know that we, the people, have not gone into hibernation until the next election cycle. We must demand both parties that our government be different.

We are waking up to the reality that we, the people, are the only ones who can make this change. Please join us in making this happen—our nation needs it, the people of the world need it, the earth itself is crying for it. We need a firm commitment for the long haul. Together we can create the change that will allow “We the People” to live our Constitution.

Simone Campbell, SSS, is NETWORK’s Executive Director.

*We the People of the United States,  
in order to form a more perfect union,  
establish justice, insure domestic  
tranquility, provide for the common  
defense, promote the general welfare...*

# Election 2008's Moral Mandate—A New Direction

BY CATHERINE PINKERTON, CSJ

By this time next year, U.S. citizens will have elected a new president as well as new members to Congress. Hopefully, these new leaders will be among those candidates who have promised to move the nation in a “new direction.” As we listen to the candidates, we may currently sense a lack of cohesion, a failure to succinctly define and envision new direction, yet to do so is vitally important.

We may ask, is new direction to be understood as a mandate to end the war in Iraq and begin to undo the damage of our meddling in the Middle East? Or is it a cry for release from the nation's unjust economic and social policies? Is it the ability to solve the immigration chaos and address ecological degradation? Or is it all of these and more? Clarity about the meaning of “new direction” and the principles that undergird it is critical.

## The Challenge

As we approach this year's election, will we as Catholics hear the call to see civic engagement as a moral obligation? Will we participate in the process of clearly defining and articulating what constitutes a new direction for the nation? Finally, will we have the courage and perseverance to maintain over-

sight of our elected leaders and hold them responsible for implementing the defined direction?

The U.S. Catholic Bishops have stated that faithful citizenship begins with moral principles, not party platforms. Catholic social teaching instructs that civil authority ultimately exists to achieve the common good, which is defined as *the sum of the conditions of social life necessary for individuals, families and nations to achieve their own fulfillment. Practically speaking, this means every person must have available all that is necessary for leading a life truly human, such as food, clothing, shelter, rest, medical care, education, employment and other social services.* (Gaudium et Spes #26 and Pacem in Terris #11)

These conditions can only be achieved through the development of a public and political consciousness rooted in justice and a sense of responsibility for each other. Linking public policies with the common good is a challenge, but it is a moral challenge that people of faith cannot dismiss. As our nation and the rest of the world become even more interdependent in this global age, the challenge grows both in importance and complexity.

## Today's Reality

Election 2000 found the nation at a time of economic prosperity, but the national economic landscape has radically changed in the past few years. The reason: years of misguided budget priorities and changes in tax policies.

The Iraq war remains a national burden and taints our reputation within the world community. Meanwhile, our country's inequitable economic profile fosters hardship and injustice. People fear the future due to our struggling economy and the size of our federal deficits and debt. Many also find it morally reprehensible that, according to the U.S. Census Bureau 2006 statistics:

- 36.5 million people in the U.S. lived in poverty
  - 12.8 million of these were children
- 47 million people lacked health insurance (up from 44.8 million in 2005)
  - 8.7 million of these were children (up from 8 million in 2005)
- those in the top fifth of our nation's economic ladder received more than half of the total income, while the bottom fifth earned only 3.4%
- low-income families were worse off than they were during our nation's last recession.

## The Vision

The U.S. Bishops' Pastoral *Economic Justice for All*, though written some twenty years ago and updated ten years later, still speaks to the issue of a troubled economy. It calls for strengthening a common moral vision if the economy is to serve all people fairly, especially those who are impoverished. “The discussion of our economic future will affect the poor most of all, in this country and throughout the world.”

This statement reiterates what Scripture and Catholic social teaching have consistently upheld: the moral urgency of responding to the needs of the people living at the economic margins, both domestically and globally. Again in the economics *Pastoral*, the U.S. bishops concluded that people in poverty have the single most urgent claim on the







conscience of the nation. The degree to which any government takes on this responsibility is a litmus test for the goodness and justness of a society.

### **New Direction Needed**

It follows, then that “new direction” calls us to require that our newly elected leaders develop a well-planned process to address the growing inequities between those with immense wealth and those who struggle grows.

This mandates a comprehensive analysis and greater understanding of the injustice of current budget allocations and tax policies that unduly favor citizens who are wealthy. Congress increased the minimum wage in 2007, a good first step in addressing some of the inequities, but far, far more must be done.

U.S. voters well understand the need for better and more comprehensive healthcare policies. Access to affordable quality healthcare is everyone’s right, and it is the moral obligation of government to ensure the realization of that right. The path toward that goal grows

rockier, however, as Congress and special interests debate privatization plans and affordability. The recent SCHIP debate reveals a shocking lack of clarity around the need for healthcare for many of our most vulnerable children—those in low-income families.

Further, the growing control of the pharmaceutical industry and other corporate interests over the cost and quality of medication, and their ability to use their political power and access to block the efforts of those who work for reform must be curbed. It is a glaring violation of the common good.

Affordable housing is another critical need. Homelessness and predatory lending practices must be addressed, along with substandard to non-existent low-income housing.

The failure of Congress to pass an immigration reform bill has had a ripple effect across all levels of government and throughout society. Tragically, much of what has resulted has been both cruel and ineffective in addressing problems with our immigration system. Each day, the need for more effective and just policies grows more evident.

And neither our nation nor our world can afford U.S. government policies that ignore or minimize the threats of ecological degradation. Clearly, a new direction is needed there as well.

### **The Global Context**

U.S. citizens are becoming evermore conscious of the fact that our economy is no longer purely a domestic economy,

but rather one integrated within the global system and increasingly dependent upon it. Simple signs of this growing awareness are the recent flood of complaints about the health hazards of toys made in China and concerns about the safety of vegetables, fruits and fish flown in from abroad.

What these few examples signify is that multinational corporate interests now influence policies across the globe. Corporations have enormous—and growing—influence on the global economy due, in part, to the fact that the wealth of some of these transcends that of whole nation-states. How will “new direction” affect controls of these entities so that the common good of people in all nations is ensured?

Aligned with the rise of a global economy is that of international trade and investment. U.S. citizens have a growing understanding that trade is not just an exchange of goods. Our trade and investment policies are integral to our economy and to those of other nations. Presidential candidates have been questioned about our NAFTA-cloned global trade and investment policies that have resulted in the loss of many jobs for U.S. workers as corporations outsource jobs.

This phenomenon of the movement of corporations, workers, goods and services around the world is also experienced as U.S. residents interface daily in their communities with the Mexican and Central American immigrant victims of U.S. trade policies. Many immigrants from those areas are farmers and agricultural workers unable to compete in their own countries with the influx of U.S. subsidized crops.

The question arises then, does commitment to the common good and to those who are victims of unjust policies call us to work in concert with new leadership to address and transform this reality? How can a “new direction” address the growing phenomenon of migration of peoples as an effect of current international trade and investment practices?



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New direction in the global context also dictates that we acknowledge and work toward just, viable solutions to the problems we have created in the Middle East and elsewhere under the banner of “fighting terrorism.” What is our role in the community of nations? Do we foster peace and justice? Addressing these issues is not only a matter of justice, but also a recognition that we have arrived at a time when the world is interdependent, and, no matter how wealthy or powerful we are, we cannot go it alone.

“New direction” must embrace the fact that globalization is not only the reality under which we live and work,

### 2008: A Critical Crossroads

New direction is needed on many fronts. Why? Because it becomes all too evident that the 2008 election finds us standing at not just another critical moment in this nation’s history, but a pivotal one, one that inexorably affects the whole global reality.

Meg Wheatley sums up our present reality, the reality crying for new direction, in these words:

*America has embraced values that cannot create a sustainable society and world. We organize too many of our activities around beliefs that are inherently life destroying. We believe that growth can be endless, that competition creates healthy relationships, that consumption need have no limits, that meaning is found in things, that aggression brings peace. Societies that use these values end up as do all predators in nature, dead.*

— *Finding Our Way: Leadership for an Uncertain Time*, 2005

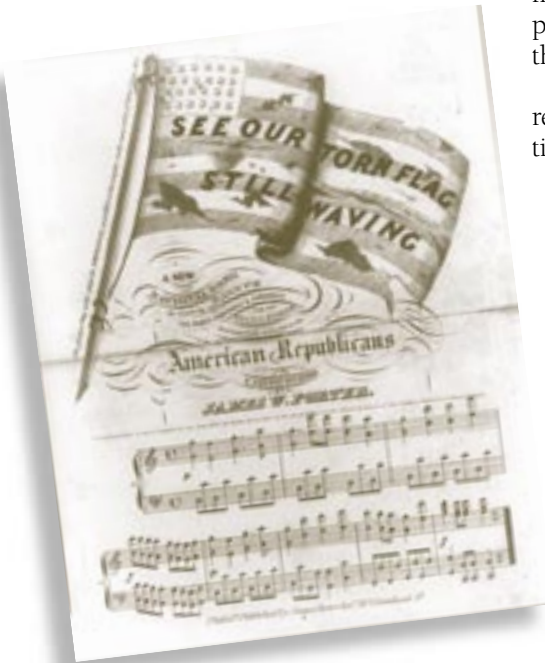
This is not the America of its origins or the America of the Constitution that new leadership will pledge to uphold. It is the America for which we seek new direction.

We have become what the theologian Diarmuid O’Murchu defines as “a ‘liminal people,’ standing on the edge of what is and what is yet to be.”

Admittedly, “new direction” has countless facets, many of which our candidates seemingly fail to envision, much less address. What is clear is that our new direction must be accompanied by a new spirituality that Patricia Mische describes as “far deeper and more far-reaching than ever before in history.”

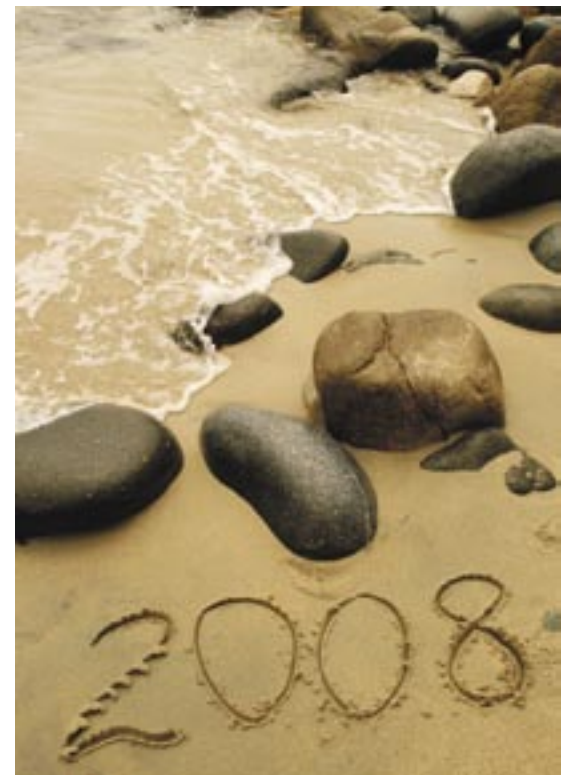
Can we, armored with this deepened spirituality, accept the challenge as people of faith to enter into the process of both responsibly and prophetically formulating a vision of a new direction based on the principle of the common good? Will we pledge to use every avenue of the political process to make that new direction a reality? To do less is to abdicate not only our civic responsibility, but also our role as people of faith—“liminal” people called to embrace Christ’s mission: “I have come that they may have life and have it more abundantly.”

Catherine Pinkerton, CSJ, is a NETWORK lobbyist.



1844 sheet music for “See Our Torn Flag Still Waving,” by James W. Porter, produced soon after bloody anti-Catholic riots in Philadelphia.

but also that from which we must define and explore the future. We are so inextricably linked with other nations in business, economics, science, religion, the arts and philosophy that cooperation is not a choice, but a mandate. As Pope John XXIII reminded us, “Human beings throughout the world form a single society. So many challenges we face are global. They demand a global response in which all people must play their part.”





## Voting Record of the 110th Congress, First Session

For NETWORK, the 110th Congress represented a new beginning. For the first time, a woman served as Speaker of the House, and the new Democratic leadership's priorities included a strong focus on people at the economic margins. We quickly achieved an exciting victory with passage of the Fair Minimum Wage Act, giving Americans their first raise in ten years and giving us hope for the year ahead.

As the year progressed, our hope eroded because of an increasingly partisan atmosphere. Like presidential campaigning, the political posturing typical in an election year seems to have begun early.

While much legislation was passed in the House, much less survived the Senate, due in part to cloture, a procedural vote requiring 60 votes to limit debate. Without cloture, a bill can be filibustered. Repeatedly, the Senate blocked legislation by failing to invoke cloture, effectively killing much-needed comprehensive immigration reform and the DREAM Act.

This year, President Bush began

making liberal use of his veto power. He opposed both increased funding for children's healthcare (SCHIP) and most budget items passed by Congress. He set a budget request of \$933 billion, recommending cuts to many human needs, education, public health and medical research programs for the seventh consecutive year, while continuing to fund the occupation of Iraq by an "emergency" supplemental appropriation outside the budget.

Congress' budget would have provided moderate increases in funding for human needs at a cost of \$21 billion more than Bush's request. President Bush blocked this funding by vowing to veto every spending bill that exceeded his request except Defense and Military Construction/Veteran's Affairs.

Due to space constraints, we could only include a limited number of votes in this voting record. For a more comprehensive voting record, visit our Web site ([www.networklobby.org](http://www.networklobby.org)). We hope that this voting record is a useful tool in your continued advocacy efforts.

We realize that the reasons for supporting or opposing some bills are complex. NETWORK supported the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill because it contained crucial funding for economic development and humanitarian services for the Iraqi people. However, some members of Congress voted against it because it contained continued military funding for the occupation without any timeline for troop withdrawal. The Farm Bill is similarly complex as it authorizes and funds a diverse group of programs touching diverse interests, including crop subsidies, nutrition assistance (such as food stamps), conservation programs, and more. Because of its complexity, the voting record includes amendments we supported rather than the Farm Bill itself (which passed 79-14 in the Senate on December 14). Other included votes are reasonably straightforward.

Jacqueline Clark, NETWORK Lobby Associate/Editorial Assistant

## HOUSE Voting Record 2007

### 1. Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2007 Vote #18 (H.R. 2)

This bill raises the federal minimum wage, beginning July 24, 2007, from \$5.15 per hour to \$7.25 per hour incrementally over two years. This is the first increase in ten years, during which the purchasing power of the dollar decreased by 20%. NETWORK supported this first step toward a living wage.

Passed 315-116, January 10, 2007

### 2. Medicare Prescription Drug Price Negotiation Act Vote #23 (H.R. 4)

NETWORK supported this bill, intended to strike a provision of Medicare, Part D that prohibited the H.H.S. Secretary from negotiating with pharmaceutical companies for lower drug prices for Medicare beneficiaries. Despite passage in the House, the bill was effectively killed when the Senate failed to invoke cloture.

Passed 255-170, January 12, 2007

### 3. Disapproving of the decision of the President, announced on January 10, 2007, to deploy more than 20,000 additional United States combat troops to Iraq • Vote #99 (H. Con. Res. 63)

This resolution opposed President Bush's proposal for the "surge" in troops in Iraq. The resolution passed, but was not binding on the President. NETWORK supported this bill, which marked the first time that the House formally opposed the occupation of Iraq.

Passed 246-182, February 16, 2007

### 4. Gulf Coast Hurricane Housing Recovery Act of 2007 • Vote # 172 (H.R. 1227)

This bill provides long-term plans to address critical housing needs of low-income Gulf Coast residents and important protections for displaced people. NETWORK supported this bill.

Passed 302-125, March 21, 2007

## 5. Making emergency supplemental appropriations for fiscal year ending September 30, 2007

**Vote #186 (H.R. 1591)**

This was the first 2007 supplemental bill to pass through Congress. NETWORK did not take a position on the timeline for troop withdrawal, but worked to include money for economic development and peace-building training. This was the first time such funding had been included in an Iraq supplemental. While the President vetoed H.R. 1591, the economic provisions NETWORK supported were inserted into the supplemental bill that eventually became law.

Passed 218–212, March 23, 2007

## 6. Setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012

**Vote #377 (S. Con. Res. 21)**

This budget proposal would have raised funding levels for many human needs programs severely cut in the past six years. It also reinstated “Pay-go” to bring about a balanced budget. Although the budget resolution was agreed to in both House and Senate, legislators subsequently cut proposed funding for these programs due to their inability to override vetoes of the appropriations bills. NETWORK supported the funding levels agreed to in S. Con. Res. 21.

Passed 214–209, May 17, 2007

## 7. McGovern of Massachusetts Amendment to Foreign Operations Appropriations (WHINSEC)

**Vote #536 (H.R. 2764)**

This amendment to the Foreign Operations Appropriations bill sought to cut off funding for the Western Hemispheric Institute for Security and Cooperation (WHINSEC), formerly known as the School of the Americas. NETWORK rejects WHINSEC as a legitimate tool of foreign policy and supported this bill.

Failed 203–214, June 21, 2007

### Changes in the House During This Session

- Juanita Millender-McDonald (D-CA-37): Died April 21, 2007
- Laura Richardson (D-CA-37): Elected August 21, 2007
- Charles Norwood (R-GA-10): Died February 13, 2007
- Paul Broun (R-GA-10): Elected July 17, 2007
- J. Dennis Hastert (R-IL-14): Resigned November 26, 2007
- Julia Carson (D-IN-7): Died December 15, 2007
- Marty Meehan (D-MA-5): Resigned July 1, 2007
- Niki Tsongas (D-MA-5): Elected October 16, 2007
- Paul Gillmor (R-OH-5): Died September 5, 2007
- Robert Latta (R-OH-5): Elected December 11, 2007
- Jo Ann Davis (R-VA-1): Died October 6, 2007
- Robert Wittman (R-VA-1): Elected December 11, 2007

## 8. Kind of Wisconsin Amendment to the Farm Bill

**Vote #747 (H.R. 2419)**

NETWORK opposed the Farm, Nutrition, and Bioenergy Act (the Farm Bill) that came out of the House Agriculture Committee (H.R. 2419). Instead, we supported this Fairness in Farm and Food Policy amendment sponsored by Reps. Ron Kind and Jeff Flake that would have reformed the farmer safety net, limited farm subsidies, and invested the savings in nutrition, conservation and rural development.

Failed 117–309, July 26, 2007

## 9. National Affordable Housing Trust Fund Act of 2007 • Vote #958 (H.R. 2895)

This bill funds 1.5 million units of low-income housing for extremely low-income households over ten years. The trust fund would be removed from the annual appropriations process, and funded through sources previously approved in the House. NETWORK supported this bill.

Passed 264–148, October 10, 2007

## 10. Children’s Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act • Vote #982 (H.R. 976)

NETWORK supported this reauthorization of the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), which would have maintained coverage for 6 million children already enrolled and increased funding to include an additional 4 million children. The \$35 million cost was funded through a 61¢ cigarette tax. It was passed by both the House and Senate, but President Bush vetoed the bill. The House failed to override the veto in this vote.

Failed 273–156, October 18, 2007

## 11. United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement • Vote #1060 (H.R. 3688)

NETWORK opposed the U.S-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement Act. Despite some strengthening of labor, environmental and access to medicine provisions, the agreement threatened the livelihoods of thousands of small farmers, indigenous people and impoverished communities.

Passed 285–132, November 8, 2007

## 12. Making appropriations for the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education for fiscal year ending September 30, 2008

**Vote #1122 (H.R. 3043)**  
NETWORK supported this bill, which would have funded hundreds of programs that support low-income families, elderly persons, those with special needs, and children. Although this funding bill passed in both the House and the Senate, the President vetoed the final bill.

Passed 277–141, November 15, 2007





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HOW THEY  
VOTED IN THE  
HOUSE

Fair Minimum Wage	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	%
Medicare Rx													
Troop Surge Iraq													
Gulf Coast Housing													
Iraq Supplemental													
Budget FY 2008													
Close the SOA													
Farm Bill Amendment													
Housing Trust Fund													
SCHIP													
Peru Trade Agreement													
Labor, HHS Appropriations													

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3 Lynn Westmoreland (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
4 Hank Johnson (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	○	-	+	+	+	+	91%*
5 John Lewis (D)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	75%
6 Tom Price (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	8%
7 John Linder (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
8 Jim Marshall (D)	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	50%
9 Nathan Deal (R)	-	-	-	○	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%*
10 Paul Broun (R)	!	!	!	!	!	!	!	!	!	!	!	!	0%*
10 Charles Norwood (R)	○	○	!	!	!	!	!	!	!	!	!	!	
11 Phil Gingrey (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
12 John Barrow (D)	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	58%
13 David Scott (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	○	-	+	+	+	+	91%*

HAWAII

1 Neil Abercrombie (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	83%
2 Mazie Hirono (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	92%

IDAHO

1 William Sali (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
2 Mike Simpson (R)	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	42%

ILLINOIS

1 Bobby Rush (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	92%
2 Jesse Jackson (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
3 Dan Lipinski (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	92%
4 Luis Gutierrez (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	92%
5 Rahm Emanuel (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	92%
6 Peter Roskam (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	8%
7 Danny Davis (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
8 Melissa Bean (D)	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	○	+	-	+	82%*
9 Janice Schakowsky (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
10 Mark Kirk (R)	+	○	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	55%*
11 Jerry Weller (R)	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	○	-	27%*
12 Jerry Costello (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	○	-	+	+	+	+	91%*
13 Judy Biggert (R)	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	42%
14 J. Dennis Hastert (R)	-	○	○	-	-	-	○	○	-	-	-	-	0%*
15 Timothy Johnson (R)	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	○	-	-	+	45%*
16 Donald Manzullo (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
17 Phil Hare (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	92%
18 Ray LaHood (R)	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	○	+	+	○	○	56%*
19 John Shimkus (R)	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	25%

INDIANA

1 Peter Visclosky (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	92%
2 Joe Donnelly (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	83%
3 Mark Souder (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
4 Steve Buyer (R)	○	○	-	+	-	-	-	-	○	-	○	-	13%*
5 Dan Burton (R)	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
6 Mike Pence (R)	-	-	-	○	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%*
7 Julia Carson (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	○	○	○	○	88%*
8 Brad Ellsworth (D)	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	75%
9 Baron Hill (D)	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	75%

IOWA

1 Bruce Braley (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	○	+	91%*
2 Dave Loebsack (D)	+	○	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	91%*
3 Leonard Boswell (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	83%
4 Tom Latham (R)	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	25%
5 Steve King (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	○	-	-	-	0%*

KANSAS

1 Jerry Moran (R)	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	33%
2 Nancy Boyda (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	92%
3 Dennis Moore (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	83%
4 Todd Tiahrt (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%

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KENTUCKY

1 Edward Whitfield (R)	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	33%
2 Ron Lewis (R)	-	-	-	-	-	○	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%*
3 John Yarmuth (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
4 Geoff Davis (R)	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17%
5 Harold Rogers (R)	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	○	-	-	18%*
6 Ben Chandler (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%

LOUISIANA

1 Bobby Jindal (R)	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	○	○	○	○	25%*
2 William Jefferson (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	83%
3 Charlie Melancon (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	○	-	+	+	+	82%*
4 Jim McCrery (R)	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
5 Rodney Alexander (R)	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17%
6 Richard Baker (R)	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	○	-	-	9%*
7 Charles Boustany (R)	-	-	○	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9%*

MAINE

1 Thomas Allen (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
2 Michael Michaud (D)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92%

MARYLAND

1 Wayne Gilchrest (R)	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	75%
2 C.A. Ruppberger (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	75%
3 John Sarbanes (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	92%
4 Albert Wynn (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
5 Steny Hoyer (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	83%
6 Roscoe Bartlett (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
7 Elijah Cummings (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	92%
8 Chris Van Hollen (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	○	82%*

MASSACHUSETTS

1 John Olver (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
2 Richard Neal (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	83%
3 James McGovern (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
4 Barney Frank (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	92%
5 Niki Tsongas (D)	!	!	!	!	!	!	!	!	!	!	!	!	100%
5 Marty Meehan (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	○	!	!	!	!	100%*
6 John Tierney (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
7 Edward Markey (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
8 Michael Capuano (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
9 Stephen Lynch (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	○	82%*
10 William Delahunt (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	92%

MICHIGAN

1 Bart Stupak (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	92%
2 Peter Hoekstra (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
3 Vernon Ehlers (R)	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	50%
4 Dave Camp (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
5 Dale Kildee (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	92%
6 Fred Upton (R)	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	58%
7 Tim Walberg (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
8 Michael Rogers (R)	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
9 Joseph Knollenberg (R)	○	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	18%*
10 Candice Miller (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	33%
11 Thaddeus McCotter (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
12 Sander Levin (D)	+	○	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	82%*
13 Carolyn Kilpatrick (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	92%
14 John Conyers (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	92%
15 John Dingell (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	83%

MINNESOTA

1 Tim Walz (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	92%
2 John Kline (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
3 Jim Ramstad (R)	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	75%
4 Betty McCollum (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	83%
5 Keith Ellison (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
6 Michele Bachmann (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%

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<b>MINNESOTA (continued)</b>													
7 Collin Peterson (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	83%
8 James Oberstar (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%*
<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>													
1 Roger Wicker (R)	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
2 Bennie Thompson (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	92%
3 Charles Pickering (R)	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	25%
4 Gene Taylor (D)	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	50%
<b>MISSOURI</b>													
1 Wm. Lacy Clay (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	83%
2 Todd Akin (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
3 Russ Carnahan (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	92%
4 Ike Skelton (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	75%
5 Emanuel Cleaver (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	91%*
6 Sam Graves (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	8%
7 Roy Blunt (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
8 Jo Ann Emerson (R)	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	50%
9 Kenny Hulshof (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	25%
<b>MONTANA</b>													
Dennis Rehberg (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	17%
<b>NEBRASKA</b>													
1 Jeff Fortenberry (R)	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	17%
2 Lee Terry (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	8%
3 Adrian Smith (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
<b>NEVADA</b>													
1 Shelley Berkley (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	92%
2 Dean Heller (R)	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	17%
3 Jon Porter (R)	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	33%
<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>													
1 Carol Shea-Porter (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	92%
2 Paul Hodes (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
<b>NEW JERSEY</b>													
1 Robert Andrews (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
2 Frank LoBiondo (R)	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	82%*
3 Jim Saxton (R)	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	33%
4 Christopher Smith (R)	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	75%
5 Scott Garrett (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	8%
6 Frank Pallone (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
7 Michael Ferguson (R)	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	50%
8 Bill Pascrell (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	92%
9 Steven Rothman (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	91%*
10 Donald Payne (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
11 Rodney Frelinghuysen (R)	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	42%
12 Rush Holt (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
13 Albio Sires (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	83%
<b>NEW MEXICO</b>													
1 Heather Wilson (R)	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	42%
2 Steve Pearce (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
3 Tom Udall (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
<b>NEW YORK</b>													
1 Tim Bishop (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	92%
2 Steve Israel (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	92%
3 Peter King (R)	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	36%*
4 Carolyn McCarthy (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	92%
5 Gary Ackerman (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	83%
6 Gregory Meeks (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	92%
7 Joseph Crowley (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92%
8 Jerrold Nadler (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	91%*
9 Anthony Weiner (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	91%*
10 Edolpus Towns (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	92%
11 Yvette Clarke (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	91%*

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12 Nydia Velazquez (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	92%
13 Vito Fossella (R)	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	33%
14 Carolyn Maloney (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	91%*
15 Charles Rangel (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	91%*
16 Jose Serrano (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
17 Eliot Engel (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	82%*
18 Nita Lowey (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92%
19 John Hall (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92%
20 Kirsten Gillibrand (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	83%
21 Michael McNulty (D)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92%
22 Maurice Hinchey (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	92%
23 John McHugh (R)	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	55%*
24 Michael Arcuri (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	92%
25 James Walsh (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	58%
26 Thomas Reynolds (R)	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	17%
27 Brian Higgins (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	92%
28 Louise McIntosh Slaughter (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	92%
29 Randy Kuhl (R)	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	25%
<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>													
1 G.K. Butterfield (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	83%
2 Bob Etheridge (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	83%
3 Walter Jones (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	50%
4 David Price (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	83%
5 Virginia Foxx (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
6 Howard Coble (R)	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	17%
7 Mike McIntyre (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	83%
8 Robin Hayes (R)	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	42%
9 Sue Myrick (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
10 Patrick McHenry (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
11 Heath Shuler (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	83%
12 Melvin Watt (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	91%*
13 Brad Miller (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	83%
<b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>													
Earl Pomeroy (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	83%
<b>OHIO</b>													
1 Steve Chabot (R)	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	25%
2 Jean Schmidt (R)	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
3 Michael Turner (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	33%
4 Jim Jordan (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
5 Paul Gillmor (R)	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	29%*
6 Charlie Wilson (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	91%*
7 David Hobson (R)	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	17%
8 John Boehner (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
9 Marcy Kaptur (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	92%
10 Dennis Kucinich (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	73%*
11 Stephanie Jones (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	82%*
12 Patrick Tiberi (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
13 Betty Sutton (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	92%
14 Steven LaTourette (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	75%
15 Deborah Pryce (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	33%
16 Ralph Regula (R)	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	50%
17 Tim Ryan (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	92%
18 Zack Space (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	83%
<b>OKLAHOMA</b>													
1 John Sullivan (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	0%*
2 Dan Boren (D)	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	60%*
3 Frank Lucas (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
4 Tom Cole (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
5 Mary Fallin (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
<b>OREGON</b>													
1 David Wu (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
2 Greg Walden (R)	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	33%

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3 Earl Blumenauer (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	92%
4 Peter DeFazio (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
5 Darlene Hooley (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	83%
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>													
1 Robert Brady (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	92%
2 Chaka Fattah (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	92%
3 Philip English (R)	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	8%
4 Jason Altmire (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	92%
5 John Peterson (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	o	-	-	-	+	18%*
6 Jim Gerlach (R)	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	50%
7 Joe Sestak (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	83%
8 Patrick Murphy (D)	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	75%
9 Bill Shuster (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	o	-	-	-	-	0%*
10 Christopher Carney (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	83%
11 Paul Kanjorski (D)	+	+	+	o	o	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90%*
12 John Murtha (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	75%
13 Allyson Schwartz (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92%
14 Mike Doyle (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	o	91%*
15 Charles Dent (R)	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	50%
16 Joseph Pitts (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
17 Tim Holden (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92%
18 Timothy Murphy (R)	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	58%
19 Todd Platts (R)	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	58%
<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>													
1 Patrick Kennedy (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	o	+	+	+	+	100%*
2 James Langevin (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	92%
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>													
1 Henry Brown (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
2 Joe Wilson (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
3 J. Gresham Barrett (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
4 Bob Inglis (R)	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
5 John Spratt (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	83%
6 James Clyburn (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	75%
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b>													
Stephanie Herseth Sandlin (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	75%
<b>TENNESSEE</b>													
1 David Davis (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
2 John Duncan (R)	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	42%
3 Zach Wamp (R)	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17%
4 Lincoln Davis (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	75%
5 Jim Cooper (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	o	+	-	+	82%*
6 Bart Gordon (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	75%
7 Marsha Blackburn (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
8 John Tanner (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	75%
9 Stephen Cohen (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	92%
<b>TEXAS</b>													
1 Louie Gohmert (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
2 Ted Poe (R)	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	o	-	-	18%*
3 Sam Johnson (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
4 Ralph Hall (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
5 Jeb Hensarling (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	8%
6 Joe Barton (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
7 John Culberson (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
8 Kevin Brady (R)	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
9 Al Green (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	92%
10 Michael McCaul (R)	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
11 Mike Conaway (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
12 Kay Granger (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
13 William Thornberry (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
14 Ron Paul (R)	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	o	-	45%*

Key to votes:

- Voted with NETWORK . . . . . +
- Voted against NETWORK . . . . . -
- Did not vote . . . . . o
- Inactive/ not in office . . . . . |
- Voted "Present" . . . . . p

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15 Ruben Hinojosa (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	83%
16 Silvestre Reyes (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	75%
17 Chet Edwards (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	75%
18 Sheila Jackson Lee (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	92%
19 Randy Neugebauer (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
20 Charles Gonzalez (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	75%
21 Lamar Smith (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
22 Nicholas Lampson (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	75%
23 Ciro Rodriguez (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	83%
24 Kenny Marchant (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
25 Lloyd Doggett (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	92%
26 Michael Burgess (R)	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	17%
27 Solomon Ortiz (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	o	-	+	+	-	+	82%*
28 Henry Cuellar (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	75%
29 Gene Green (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	92%
30 Eddie Bernice Johnson (D)	+	+	+	o	+	+	-	-	o	o	-	+	67%*
31 John Carter (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
32 Pete Sessions (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
<b>UTAH</b>													
1 Rob Bishop (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	8%
2 Jim Matheson (D)	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	58%
3 Chris Cannon (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	8%
<b>VERMONT</b>													
Peter Welch (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
<b>VIRGINIA</b>													
1 Jo Ann Davis (R)	+	+	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	100%*
2 Thelma Drake (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
3 Bobby Scott (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	92%
4 Randy Forbes (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
5 Virgil Goode (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	17%
6 Bob Goodlatte (R)	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17%
7 Eric Cantor (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	8%
8 James Moran (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92%
9 Rick Boucher (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92%
10 Frank Wolf (R)	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	50%
11 Thomas Davis (R)	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	33%
<b>WASHINGTON</b>													
1 Jay Inslee (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92%
2 Rick Larsen (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	83%
3 Brian Baird (D)	+	+	o	+	+	o	+	+	+	+	-	+	90%*
4 Doc Hastings (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	8%
5 Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R)	-	-	-	+	-	o	-	-	+	+	-	+	27%*
6 Norman Dicks (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	83%
7 Jim McDermott (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	92%
8 Dave Reichert (R)	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	o	+	-	+	45%*
9 Adam Smith (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	92%
<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>													
1 Alan Mollohan (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	92%
2 Shelley Moore Capito (R)	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	42%
3 Nick Rahall (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	92%
<b>WISCONSIN</b>													
1 Paul Ryan (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	8%
2 Tammy Baldwin (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
3 Ron Kind (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	92%
4 Gwen Moore (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	o	+	100%*
5 F. James Sensenbrenner (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	8%
6 Thomas Petri (R)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	50%
7 David Obey (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92%
8 Steve Kagen (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	92%
<b>WYOMING</b>													
Barbara Cubin (R)	-	-	-	-	-	o	o	o	o	-	o	o	0%*

\*Percentage with asterisk (\*) signifies that legislator did not vote on all relevant bills.



# SENATE Voting Record 2007

## 1. Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2007 Vote #42 (H.R. 2)

NETWORK supported. (See #1 in the House Voting Record.)  
Passed 94–3, February 1, 2007

## 2. Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 574 • Vote #51 (S. 574)

NETWORK supported. (See #3 in the House Voting Record.)  
Failed 56–34 (60 votes required), February 17, 2007

## 3. A concurrent resolution setting forth the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008, including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012 Vote #114 (S. Con. Res. 21, as amended)

NETWORK supported. (See #6 in the House Voting Record.)  
Passed 52–47, March 23, 2007

## 4. U.S. Troop Readiness, Veteran's Health, and Iraq Accountability Act, 2007 Vote #126 (H.R. 1591 as amended)

NETWORK supported. (See #5 in the House Voting Record.)  
Passed 51–47, March 29, 2007

## 5. Consideration of Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to the Medicare Prescription Drug Price Negotiation Act of 2007 • Vote #132 (S. 3)

NETWORK supported. (See #2 in the House Voting Record.)  
Failed 55–42 (60 votes required), April 18, 2007

## 6. Motion to Invoke Cloture on a Bill for Comprehensive Immigration Reform Vote #235 (S. 1639)

This reform compromise bill would have provided legal status and a path to legal citizenship for the millions of undocumented immigrants currently residing in the United States; funded miles of vehicle barriers, camera and radar towers and 20,000 more Border Patrol agents; and restructured visa criterion around highly skilled workers. The failure of the cloture vote effectively killed the bill. NETWORK supported this bill as it sought to bring about reform to our system while recognizing the dignity and rights of the millions of undocumented immigrants in our country.

Failed 46–53, June 28, 2007

## 7. State Children's Health Insurance Program Vote #307 (H.R. 976)

NETWORK supported. (See #10 in the House Voting Record.)  
Passed, 68–31, August 2, 2007

## 8. Cloture Vote on the DREAM Act Vote #394 (S. 2205)

Modest in aim and with initial broad, bipartisan support, the measure would allow the children of undocumented immigrants who entered the United States before age 16 and lived here at least five years to gain conditional legal status and eventual citizenship if they attended college or joined the military for at least two years. Only those 30 or younger on the date of enactment would be eligible. This was an attempt to help lift many immigrant children out of limbo and put them on a positive path towards workforce training and national service. NETWORK supported this bill but it was effectively killed by the failed cloture vote.

Failed 52–44 (60 votes required), October 24, 2007

## 9. Making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education for fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 Vote #405 (H.R. 3043)

NETWORK supported. (See #12 in the House Voting Record.)  
Passed 56–37, November 7, 2007

## 10. United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement Vote #413 (H.R. 3688)

NETWORK opposed. (See #11 in the House Voting Record)  
Passed 77–18, December 5, 2007

## 11. Lugar-Lautenberg Amendment #3711 to the Farm Bill • Vote #417 (H.R. 2419)

NETWORK supported this amendment, which would have reformed the commodity subsidy payment system to provide a more equitable safety net for all U.S. farmers and brought U.S. farm policy into compliance with international trade rules. It would have effectively redirected several billion dollars from subsidy payments to conservation and nutrition programs, including ten-year funding for the food stamp program.

Failed 37–58, December 11, 2007

## 12. Dorgan-Grassley Amendment #3695 to the Farm Bill • Vote #424 (H.R. 2419)

NETWORK supported this amendment, which would have lowered the limit for annual farm subsidy payments per individual from \$360,000 to \$250,000 and invested the savings in conservation and nutrition programs. NETWORK believed this was the least Congress could do to reform subsidies, which primarily benefit wealthy landowners. Southern senators forced leadership to make a deal that required 60 votes for passage.

Failed 56–43, December 13, 2007

### Changes in the Senate During This Session

- Craig Thomas (R-WY): Died June 4, 2007
- John Barrasso (R-WY): Appointed June 22, 2007

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<b>ALABAMA</b>													
Richard Shelby (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Jeff Sessions (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
<b>ALASKA</b>													
Ted Stevens (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	33
Lisa Murkowski (R)	+	o	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	36*
<b>ARIZONA</b>													
Jon Kyl (R)	-	o	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	27*
John McCain (R)	+	o	-	-	o	+	-	o	o	o	o	o	10*
<b>ARKANSAS</b>													
Blanche Lincoln (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	75
Mark Pryor (D)	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	57
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>													
Dianne Feinstein (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	92
Barbara Boxer (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	o	+	+	+	+	100*
<b>COLORADO</b>													
Ken Salazar (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	75
Wayne Allard (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	25
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>													
Joseph Lieberman (I)	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	66
Christopher Dodd (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	o	o	o	o	+	100*
<b>DELAWARE</b>													
Thomas Carper (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	92
Joseph Biden (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	o	o	o	+	100*
<b>FLORIDA</b>													
Mel Martinez (R)	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	25
Bill Nelson (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	92
<b>GEORGIA</b>													
Saxby Chambliss (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Johnny Isakson (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
<b>HAWAII</b>													
Daniel Inouye (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	75
Daniel Akaka (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92
<b>IDAHO</b>													
Mike Crapo (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Larry Craig (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33
<b>ILLINOIS</b>													
Barack Obama (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	o	o	o	+	100*
Richard Durbin (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	92
<b>INDIANA</b>													
Richard Lugar (R)	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	57
Evan Bayh (D)	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	75
<b>IOWA</b>													
Charles Grassley (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	25
Tom Harkin (D)	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	84
<b>KANSAS</b>													
Pat Roberts (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	17
Sam Brownback (R)	+	-	-	-	o	-	-	+	o	-	-	+	30*
<b>KENTUCKY</b>													
Jim Bunning (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	o	-	+	-	18*
Mitch McConnell (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	17
<b>LOUISIANA</b>													
David Vitter (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Mary Landrieu (D)	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	57
<b>MAINE</b>													
Susan Collins (R)	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	75
Olympia Snowe (R)	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	75
<b>MARYLAND</b>													
Barbara Mikulski (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	92
Benjamin Cardin (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	92
<b>MASSACHUSETTS</b>													
John Kerry (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	92
Edward Kennedy (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	o	+	-	+	+	90*
<b>MICHIGAN</b>													
Debbie Stabenow (D)	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	84
Carl Levin (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	84
<b>MINNESOTA</b>													
Norm Coleman (R)	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	50
Amy Klobuchar (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	92
<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>													
Trent Lott (R)	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	25
Thad Cochran (R)	+	o	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	18*
<b>MISSOURI</b>													
Claire McCaskill (D)	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	57
Christopher Bond (R)	+	o	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	18*

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<b>MONTANA</b>													
Max Baucus (D)	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	57
Jon Tester (D)	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	75
<b>NEBRASKA</b>													
Chuck Hagel (R)	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	66
Ben Nelson (D)	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	75
<b>NEVADA</b>													
John Ensign (R)	+	o	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	27*
Harry Reid (D)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	84
<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>													
Judd Gregg (R)	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	25
John Sununu (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	33
<b>NEW JERSEY</b>													
Robert Menendez (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	92
Frank Lautenberg (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	92
<b>NEW MEXICO</b>													
Jeff Bingaman (D-)	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	75
Pete Domenici (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	25
<b>NEW YORK</b>													
Charles Schumer (D)	o	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	90*
Hillary Clinton (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	o	o	o	100*
<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>													
Elizabeth Dole (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Richard Burr (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
<b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>													
Kent Conrad (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	66
Byron Dorgan (D)	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	75
<b>OHIO</b>													
Sherrill Brown (D)	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	92
George Voinovich (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	25
<b>OKLAHOMA</b>													
Tom Coburn (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
James Inhofe (R)	o	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0*
<b>OREGON</b>													
Ron Wyden (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	84
Gordon Smith (R)	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	57
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>													
Robert Casey (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
Arlen Specter (R)	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	66
<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>													
Jack Reed (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
Sheldon Whitehouse (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>													
Jim DeMint (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	8
Lindsey Graham (R)	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b>													
John Thune (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	17
Tim Johnson (D)	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	+	-	-	+	60*
<b>TENNESSEE</b>													
Lamar Alexander (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	17
Bob Corker (R)	+	o	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	18*
<b>TEXAS</b>													
John Cornyn (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Kay Bailey Hutchison (R)	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	25
<b>UTAH</b>													
Orrin Hatch (R)	+	o	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	36*
Robert Bennett (R)	+	o	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	27*
<b>VERMONT</b>													
Patrick Leahy (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	84
Bernard Sanders (I)	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	92
<b>VIRGINIA</b>													
John Warner (R)	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	42
James Webb (D)	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	84
<b>WASHINGTON</b>													
Maria Cantwell (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	84
Patty Murray (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	84
<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>													
John Rockefeller (D)	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	66
Robert Byrd (D)	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	75
<b>WISCONSIN</b>													
Herbert Kohl (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	84
Russ Feingold (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	92
<b>WYOMING</b>													
John Barrasso (R)						-	-	-	-	-	+	+	28*
Craig Thomas (R)	+	-	-	-	-								10*
Michael Enzi (R)	+	-	-	o	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	27*

\*Percentage with asterisk (\*) signifies that legislator did not vote on all relevant bills.



# You Have the Power

BY JEAN SAMMON



JOSEPH HELFENBERGER

How can we get Members of Congress to vote the way we want? Sometimes NETWORK lobbyists can persuade representatives and senators to vote our way by giving them moral arguments and/or information they didn't know. But the best way to influence legislators is to make sure they hear from their constituents. Elected officials really do pay more attention to people who have the power to vote them in or out of office.

That's why you, our NETWORK members, are so important. NETWORK could not be what it is without you.

In 2008 we're looking for better ways to "network" with you. We depend a lot on email to communicate with our thousands of members around the country because it is inexpensive and efficient. (By the way, if we don't have your current email address, please email your name and address to [network@networklobby.org](mailto:network@networklobby.org). Thank you!)

In addition to email, we also want to try some new ways to make more personal connections between our NETWORK staff and members.

This is the "organizing" part of our "educate, organize, and lobby" mission, and we need to do it better if we want to see change in our government. We need more people to be more engaged in the political process, and we know that you, our members, can help us achieve this goal.

Our long-term plan calls for us to have NETWORK staff people working outside of Washington, DC, closer to our members. To help make that happen, each NETWORK staff member in the Washington office has agreed to take responsibility for specific regions of the country. We'll be starting to make calls in January to our "contact people" in our individual regions. Contact people are members who have let us know—when they joined NETWORK or renewed their membership—that they are willing to do some organizing in their area, or that they are part of a local group that is already organized.

We also have a volunteer, Robert Beezat (see box) who wants to devote some of his time to help us organize in

Wisconsin and Illinois. We are delighted with this opportunity to experiment with a local NETWORK organizer, and would love to find more volunteers in other areas.

I want you to know, as the NETWORK Field Coordinator, that I need your help! Please call (202-347-9797, ext. 229) or email me ([jsammon@networklobby.org](mailto:jsammon@networklobby.org)) if you would like to be on the list of contact people we'll be calling. I'd also like to hear from you if you have some time to help us organize in your region, or even if you would just like to talk!

*Jean Sammon is the NETWORK Field Organizer.*

## Robert Beezat, NETWORK's New Regional Coordinator



COURTESY OF ROBERT BEEZAT

I have been a member of NETWORK for many years because I believe in the organization's practical approach to faithfully working for social justice and peace. This is a vital part of our Catholic faith. Now that I have retired, I am delighted to have an opportunity as a volunteer to help NETWORK achieve one of its strategic goals of developing a more coordinated regional presence. I look forward to talking with and meeting people in my Midwest/Great Lakes region. Together, we can improve communication from the field to the Beltway and vice-versa, develop partnerships with organizations that share our goals, and provide an opportunity for NETWORK members to meet on a more regularized and mutually supportive basis.

*Robert Beezat, a retired public management consultant, lives in Racine, Wisconsin.*



# NETWORK BOARD ELECTION BALLOT

**NETWORK Members—Vote for seven (7) candidates.** Incumbents running for reelection have asterisks (\*\*)  
by their names. Ballots can be mailed using the envelope found in the middle of the magazine. You may photocopy this  
page, but please send only **one ballot per paid membership.** **Ballots must be postmarked by March 15, 2008.**

## CANDIDATES

**Mary Ann Brenden**, St. Paul MN; Candidate for Consociate, Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, St. Paul; Professor, College of St. Catherine/Social Worker; White.  
I am a professor in the School of Social Work. My primary focus is policy advocacy informed by knowledge of Catholic Social Teaching and 25+ years policy analysis experience. I am project director of Social Work for Social Justice, an initiative committed to strengthening social work through the integration of Catholic Social Teaching. I am interested in encouraging strong partnerships between NETWORK and social work education programs to strengthen local/national social justice advocacy efforts.

**\*\*Marie Clarke Brill**, Annandale VA; Deputy Director, Africa Action, Washington DC; White.  
My passion for NETWORK's vision began in college when I served as an intern and subsequently as an associate. Today I bring the NETWORK Board over ten years of experience lobbying, organizing, educating and empowering Americans to build a more just world. I bring access to diverse global communities as Deputy Director of Africa Action. I serve as the NETWORK Board Treasurer and help safeguard NETWORK's future by engaging in the finance and fundraising committees.

**\*\*Cathleen Crayton**, Claremont CA; Project Administrator, Program in Neural Sciences, Univ. of So. Cal.; African-American.  
I share with my fellow nominees a passion for social justice, with a strong emphasis on anti racism and economic justice. I am an experienced organizer and facilitator in anti racism, parish and community organizing, and Catholic Social Teaching. In addition to serving the last four years on NETWORK's Board, I have served on several prominent local and national boards including the Archdiocese of Los Angeles Commission for Justice & Peace and Pax Christi USA.

**Mary Kay Dobrovoly**, Omaha NE; Sister of Mercy of the Americas; Assistant Prof. of Theology; Director, Campus Ministry; College of St. Mary; White.  
I am a highly educated, articulate woman committed to justice and peacemaking. As a recent recipient of a doctoral degree in New Testament studies, I am well versed in Gospel values and embody them in my life, teaching, and academic writing. As an assistant professor of theology and director of Campus Ministry at a small, all-women's college in Nebraska, I am connected to a network of students and professionals in the area of higher education.

**\*\*Linda Howell-Perrin**, Covington KY; Mercy Associate; Senior Case Manager, Bethany House Services, Cincinnati; African-American.  
I am a member of Macedonia Living Word Fellowship and NETWORK's Vice-Chair. I share the journey as I walk with the homeless. My talents are telling my story and the stories of others in poverty. I bring to NETWORK what's going on locally as I work with the Contact Center, Homeless Coalition and other groups. I encourage hundreds to share their concerns and needs. I have even been known to sing a message of hope.

**Mary Margaret McDonnell**, Winnetka IL; Religious of the Sacred Heart; Director, Center for Ethics and Advocacy in Health Care, Techny, IL; Caucasian.  
My life-long ministry has been in healthcare, first as nurse practitioner in community health/inner city neighborhoods, then as ethicist. Since 1995 I have served as Director of The Center for Ethics and Advocacy in Healthcare, a not-for-profit institute whose mission is to provide ethics education for healthcare and educational institutions, as well as to the wider public.

**\*\*Kateri Mitchell**, Great Falls MT; Sister of St. Ann; Executive Director, Tekakwitha Conference; Mohawk Nation/Turtle Clan of Iroquois Confederacy.  
As a Native American, I believe that all creation on Mother Earth has a purpose and everyone has a mission to fulfill. My adult life has focused on reaching out to the spiritually poor, especially in Native American communities. I continue to challenge structures that breed racism and prejudice. Through respectful listening, prayer and reflection, I hope to continue in partnership with others to make a difference in the lives of our sisters and brothers.

**\*\*Mary T. Yelenick**, New York NY; Attorney, Chadbourne & Parke LLP; Caucasian.  
Having served one term on the Board, and being honored to serve as the current Board Chair, I bring to NETWORK a fondness for and familiarity with the NETWORK Board and Staff; a commitment to social justice; extensive legal training and experience; creativity; fiscal responsibility; and a willingness to roll up my sleeves. I place a great store upon working cooperatively; engaging in unconventional partnerships; and finding new ways of securing NETWORK's financial viability.

**Peter J. Zografos**, Tacoma WA; Mercy Associate; Adjunct Faculty, Seattle University; Greek/Irish.  
I bring professional, administrative, pastoral, and teaching experience to ecumenical and interfaith dialogue. Extensive business experiences inform my impetus for innovation; pastoral experiences honed my skills for working with diverse constituencies. Using hospitality, passion, and theological reflection, I champion a faith that does justice with a preferential option for those marginalized to foster welcoming and inclusive communities at Seattle University, Pierce County Aids Foundation, Associated Ministries, Seattle and Anchorage Archdioceses, my Mercy community and beyond.



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