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Several weeks ago we published a report on four (4) CA congressional districts which are nearby and “flippable” (from Republican to Democratic) in the November 2018 election. (CA-4, 10, 21 and 22.).

Today we are adding two sections to this updated report, covering six (6) additional “flippable” CA congressional districts, and twelve (12) races that will determine control of the U.S. Senate.

This report now has 3 sections, covering 22 races. You may read the document sequentially, or use the table of contents and links below to locate to a specific section or race.

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Dear Friends:

As we hurtle toward the mid-term elections lyrics of a forty-year-old rock song keep running through my head –

I went home with the waitress
The way I always do
How was I to know
She was with the Russians too?

I was gambling in Havana
I took a little risk
Send lawyers, guns and money
Dad, get me out of this

I'm the innocent bystander
Somehow I got stuck
Between the rock and the hard place
And I'm down on my luck

Now I'm hiding in Honduras
I'm a desperate man
Send lawyers, guns and money
The shit has hit the fan

(Warren Zevon, "Lawyers, Guns and Money," 1977)

I'm apparently trying to tell myself something. I'm a pacifist who doesn't own any firearms – can't be the guns.

I've already sent a lawyer (me).....so it must be the money.

We have sent money to four nearby congressional candidates who have a shot at unseating anti-democratic, pro-trump incumbents...and encourage you to do the same. Congress has got to start behaving responsibly..

Below are listed the four congressional campaigns we have contributed to, and will continue to support.

Each of the Democratic challengers in these districts shares a number of characteristics. They are not professional politicians, having left successful careers to pursue office for the first time. They have strong personal and family ties to the districts in which they are running. They have eschewed PAC (political action committee) money in funding their campaigns, in favor of individual citizen contributions. And they have largely been ignored (until very recently) by national Democratic organizations, and dismissed by the “pundit class.” (I encourage you to read their bios.) But all four challengers, in our view, have a real shot in November, for the reasons set forth below.....

CA-4

This is a congressional district that embraces the central Sierra counties, from Truckee in the north to Mariposa in the south. **Jessica Morse** is the challenger, Tom McClintock the incumbent republican. Morse is in her late thirties, has left a career at the defense department (civilian employee) and USAID (having served in Afghanistan) and returned to her family home near Truckee to run for political office for the first time. McClintock is a professional politician (since college) – literally a “carpet bagger” - having served multiple terms in the state assembly and senate (from two different counties), and in the U.S. Congress (from what is now CA-4) for a number of terms, though he has never lived in his district, has no family ties to it, rents an apartment in Elk Grove (south of Sacramento and well outside the district), and rarely visits the district (avoiding town hall meetings and

constituent contact). McClintock enjoys strong financial support from out-of-state and from the national republican party.

Morse has received little support from the national Democratic party (none until after she won the June primary), yet she has managed to raise \$1.45 million for her campaign, \$1.37 million from individual donors...a remarkable achievement. She has spent months visiting, literally, with every county and municipal elected official in the district who will meet with her, and is focused on issues of interest within the district, rather than “hot-button” national issues. She has about \$500,000 on hand for the final push to election day. She has amassed a very long list of endorsements from local politicians throughout the district. (McClintock has received \$1.2 million in campaign contributions, and has held about \$670,000 for the final 60-day push.)

Pundits and professional horse-race analysts are calling the district for the republicans. We disagree. Here’s why:

- Horse-race models look at party registration, anticipated turn-out based on prior elections, and the trump/Clinton split in 2016. Those models ignore the unusual energy for the 2018 mid-terms, and the energy and enthusiasm of candidates like Morse. We are impressed by her remarkable grassroots fund-raising (everyone who sent her \$5 will turn out to vote), and her impressive array of local endorsements.
- Her youth (coupled with her campaign energy) will likely break the turn-out predictions of the horse-race models, and in CA particularly we don’t believe that the trump vote in ’16 will be a good predictor for this mid-term.
- McClintock has failed to respond to district needs in the wake of devastating wildfires of the last two years, and is widely distrusted in the district. (We have a home in Mariposa and our republican friends are completely fed-up with him.)

Send **Jessica Morse** money: www.morse4congress.com

Jessica Morse for Congress
1079 Sunrise Avenue, Suite B-275
Roseville, CA 95661

.....she has a solid shot at unseating McClintock.

CA-10

This congressional district sits in the north San Joaquin Valley –and includes Modesto, Manteca, Tracy and Turlock. **Josh Harder** is the challenger – in his late thirties and new to politics, coming from an early career in venture capital. He was born and raised in the district, and his family still resides there. Jeff Denham, the incumbent, is from a wealthy agricultural family on the south edge of the district in Paso Robles. He is a pretty standard issue republican/trump enabler, though has supported DACA legislation. In 2016 the district went solidly for Clinton, and Denham’s re-election was razor-thin.

The Democratic national machine weighed-in before the primary and inserted their own candidate in an already crowded Democratic primary field – Michael Eggman (who had run in 2016) – and pumped significant money into his campaign, but Harder out-pollled Eggman almost 2 to 1. Now the national Democratic Party has endorsed Harder and tendered some support. Harder is holding sixteen town halls throughout the district (one a week) from July through October.....Denham has a long history of avoiding constituents and will continue to do so.

Harder has raised \$2.5 million for the campaign, and has \$1.0 in reserve for the last 60 days. He has taken some, but not a lot, of PAC money - 94% of his funding is from individual contributions. Denham has raised \$3.45 million, and holds \$2.4 million in reserves. His largest source of funds – national republican political action committees - approaches \$2.0 million.

Even national horse-race pundits rate the District a “toss-up” in November.

We think more money for an increased ground-game for Harder will push him over the top. His policy positions align with his district, it’s a matter of turning out the vote.

Send **Josh Harder** money: www.harderforcongress.com

Harder for Congress

P.O. Box 4426

Modesto, CA 95352

CA- 21

This district is in the south-central San Joaquin Valley – including Kings, Tulare, and parts of Fresno and Kern counties. **T.J. Cox** (a local businessman and first-time office seeker) is the challenger. David Valadao is the republican incumbent.

It is an odd district in several ways – 71% of the district is Hispanic, and only 19% white. Clinton carried the district 55% to 39% in 2016. Yet they keep returning the incumbent congressman, Valadao, to congress (first elected in 2012) by significant margins. Hispanic voter turn-out is traditionally quite low, especially for mid-term elections. (This is a district that Mi Familia Vota- an organization we have supported – has targeted for Latino voter registration and turn-out in 2018.)

Our suspicion is that in recent years the district’s congressional races have suffered from a lack of interest by the local Democrats – lackluster candidates and poor funding. In contrast, Cox seems to be an energetic candidate who has raised significant funds. Cox owns a number of local businesses, and has worked for years in the charitable sector on housing and healthcare. He has raised \$1.3 million thus far, and holds \$950,000 in reserve for the final 60 days of the campaign. He has not sought PAC money, and individual campaign contributions account for \$820,000 of his \$1.3 million in funding. His business contributors are largely locally owned small businesses.

Valadao has raised \$2.3 million from the usual suspect list of defense contractor/finance industry corporate interests (BofA, AT&T, Northrup, Chevron, Lockheed Martin, Koch Industries...it’s a long list. His significant PAC contributors are Koch Bros and John Bolton...) A reliable republican anti-tax, all-business, right-wing vote every time, bought and paid for.....Valadao holds \$1.6 million for this final round of campaigning.

National horse-race pundits (Cook, FiveThirtyEight) judge this race a “lean republican.” FiveThirtyEight (as of August 30) projects Valadao drawing 51.5% of the vote, Cox 48.5%. This is another race in which turn-out means everything. A slight uptick in Hispanic turn-out can do it. **T.J. Cox** needs money to get this done...send it.

www.tjcoxfordcongress.com

T.J. Cox for Congress

**P.O. Box 804
Selma, CA 93662**

CA-22

This notorious district is currently represented by Devin Nunes, and embraces most of Fresno and Tulare counties, including the cities of Fresno and Visalia.

The challenger is **Andrew Janz** (deputy district attorney from Fresno, in his late thirties). The incumbent, Nunes - the treasonous, lying, duplicitous, boot-licking trumpette who needs no introduction – has been given \$7.4 million for this campaign – largely from out-of-state interests and national republican PACS. He rarely visits the district, meets with constituents or holds town halls. The largest area newspaper, the Fresno Bee (an old-line republican publication) has been withering in its criticism of Nunes – accusing him of being unpatriotic, un-American and incompetent...no endorsement coming from there. But the national democratic party has all but abandoned Janz, largely because the district voted heavily for trump, and registers republican. National pundits call the district “safely republican.” These two groups have conceded too easily in our view. (In June, Public Policy Polling (PPP) showed voters favoring Nunes 49% to 41% with 10% undecided...and news of recent weeks has probably closed that gap.)

Janz is bright, able and energetic. His fund-raising has eschewed PAC money and focused on individual local contributors. He has raised \$2.9 million...a staggering sum without much national support of any kind, and we think demonstrates the strength of his appeal to voters in the district. (\$2.825 million of his campaign funds have come from individual donors!) Janz holds \$1.1 million for the last 60 day push. (Nunes has \$6.1 million in the bank.)

This district is 45% Hispanic, 42% white, and includes a substantial student population at Fresno State.

In our view Janz needs significant Hispanic and student turn-out on election day. That coupled with continuing embarrassments from trump - and Nunes himself (Mueller?) – along with continuing withering criticism from the Fresno Bee – can push **Andrew Janz** over the top.

Pick up the slack where the Democratic party has dropped the ball....send money. www.andrewjanzforcongress.com

Andrew Janz for Congress
2037 W. Bullard Avenue, #334
Fresno, CA 93711

One More Consideration

In addition to the above, please consider donating to **Mi Familia Vota**.
<https://www.mifamiliavota.org/where-we-are/california/>

Mi Familia Vota
5228 E. Pine Avenue
Fresno, CA 93727

This organization registers Latino citizens in California (and Colorado, Arizona, Texas, Florida and Nevada), and they focus on getting youth civically engaged. They are boots on the ground. We need them...so...

“...send....money.....The shit has hit the fan.....”

John W. Elliott, on behalf of
Electoral Advocacy
Together We Will/Indivisible – Los Gatos

Note: Campaign finance data from OpenSecrets and/or Ballotpedia.

CA Congressional Races Part 2, October 10, 2018



THE ‘OTHER’ CA HOUSE RACES (and what you can do to help)

Several weeks ago we published a report on four (4) CA congressional districts which are nearby and “flippable” (from Republican to Democratic) in the November 2018 election. (CA-4, 10, 21 and 22.)

Since that time we have been asked for a listing of other CA districts which are “flippable,” and what we can do from here in Los Gatos to help – so we have created this report as a supplement to our earlier fund-raising letter.

There are six (6) districts in the state (in addition to the above) which are currently held by Republicans, or are ‘open,’ that have Democratic candidates who are within striking distance of election. The status of those races, and the candidates’ financial circumstances, are set forth below, as well as recommendations on how to assist them.

As indicated in our earlier report on competitive Senate races, all of these campaigns can be donated to through ActBlue (www.actblue.com), just be sure you indicate that your contribution is a one-time donation for this election cycle.

CA-25 (parts of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties)

Status: Steve Knight (R) is the incumbent. Katie Hill (D) is his opponent. Polling has been close – a Siena College poll in mid-September has Knight up by 2%points; a Los Angeles Times poll on October 4 put Hill ahead by 4% points. (Both polls sampled 500-600 voters.)

Money: Hill has raised \$2,450,000 and had \$850,000 in reserve at last reporting. Knight raised \$1,700,000, with a reserve of \$1,300,000. (The Democratic primary was hotly contested and expensive.) The ‘polling class’ (Cook, Sobato etc.) rate this race a ‘toss-up.’

Recommendations: Send money. Help Hill get out the vote. The district is 46% white, 35% Hispanic, and 8% Asian. Clinton carried the district by 7% points in 2016, and Obama has endorsed Hill.

www.katiehillforcongress.com

661-505-1054

CA-39 (parts of Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino Counties)

Status: Congressman Ed Royce (R) has retired, so the seat is open. Clinton carried the district by a 51.5% to 42.9% margin in 2016. Gil Cisneros is the Democratic candidate, Young Kim the Republican. Only two polls have been reported: Monmouth University showed Young up by 4% in September, and a Democratic poll showed Cisneros up by 11% in August. (Both with small sample sizes.)

Money: At last reporting Cisneros had raised \$5,500,000 to Kim’s \$1,300,000. Cisneros spent all but \$750,000 in a heavily contested Democratic primary. Kim reported \$300,000 cash on hand in mid-summer.

Recommendations: The ‘polling class’ (Cook, Sobato) rates the district a ‘toss up.’ Obama has endorsed Cisneros. Send money...these last few weeks will likely be expensive. And help get out the vote.

www.cisnerosforcongress.com

657-234-0272

CA-45 (central Orange County)

Status: This race pits incumbent Mimi Walters (R) against Katie Porter (D). The district favored Clinton by 5% points in 2016. CA-45 is 55% white and 21% Asian.

Polls: Five polls have been done since August, and show a very close race. The earliest poll showed Walters up 1%, while subsequent polls have favored Porter from 1% to 5%. (Sample sizes have all been about 500 voters.) The polling has largely been done by Democratic leaning

organizations, save for the last (September 25) which was done for the New York Times, and showed Porter up 5%, but with 8% in the district undecided. The national Republican Party has targeted this district and is spending very heavily, as are a number of affiliated PACs.

Money: Porter has raised \$2,000,000 but spent \$1,300,000 in an expensive primary. Walters has raised \$3,000,000 and at last report had \$1,500,000...twice the reserve reported by Porter.

Recommendations: Cook and Sabato rate this race a 'toss-up.' Porter needs money for this final push to election day – for advertising and to get out the vote. SEND MONEY. And volunteer to help get out the vote. It's an educated suburban district and many voters cannot be pleased with the Republicans and their kavanaugh confirmation performance.

www.katieporter.com

949-236-7207

CA-48 (southern and coastal Orange County)

Status: The incumbent is Dana Rohrbacher (R), infamous for being "Putin's Favorite Congressman." His opponent is Harley Rouda (D). Clinton won this district in a squeaker, 47.9% to 46.2% in 2016. Obama has endorsed Rouda. (Cook and Sabato rate the district a 'toss-up.')

Polls: Three reported polls since July show the race to be a dead heat. The most recent (September 23 for the Los Angeles Times) shows each candidate polling at 48% with only 4% undecided. (Sample size – 600.)

Money: Rouda has raised \$3,100,000, but a very expensive primary has left him with \$482,000 in reserves at the time of most recent reporting. Rohrbache has raised \$1,800,000, and has reported reserves of \$480,000.

Recommendations: Rouda NEEDS MONEY. Send money...then volunteer to get out the vote.

www.harleyforcongress.com

657-345-5296

CA-49 (north San Diego County)

Status: This is an 'open' seat – Darryl Issa has retired and will not run for re-election. Mike Levin (D) is opposed by Diane Harkey (R). The district favored Clinton by 7% points in 2016. Obama has endorsed Levin.

Polls: Only three polls have been published for this district since June. Levin was up 3% point in June, down 3% in July. The most recent poll, by UC Berkeley, shows Levin up by 14%. (September 23)

Money: Levin's primary was expensive. He had raised \$2,500,000 at last reporting, but spent \$1,700,000 through the primary, and has \$850,000 in reserve. Harkey has raised only \$700,000, and at last reporting showed \$170,000 in reserve.

Recommendations: Help Levin get out the vote.

www.mikelevin.org

760-622-3394

CA-50 (parts of San Diego and Riverside Counties)

Status: Duncan Hunter, Jr. (R) is the incumbent. (Yes, that Duncan Hunter who is under felony indictment and waiting trial...) He is opposed by Ammar Campa-Najjar (D). Hunter has undertaken an incredibly racist advertising blitz against Campa-Najjar, in this district which is 59% white and 30% Hispanic. Obama has endorsed Campa-Najjar,

Polls: Three polls have been published since August, with Hunter leading in each – by 8%, 15% and 2%. (And yes, all were taken after he was indicted for felony campaign violations! Let's hope it just takes a long time for the news to travel to Riverside.....)

Money: Hunter reports having raise \$848,000 and spent \$1,200,000, with \$352,500 'cash on hand.' (No wonder he's been indicted.) Campa-Najjar has raised \$1.050,000, but has only \$280,000 in reserve at last report.

Recommedations: SEND MONEY. Campa-Najjar needs to fight back against Hunter's racist attacks. You can also help him get out the vote. It looks like a longshot....but let's hope the Pony Express has delivered those newspapers about the indictment...or Hunter throws another drunken fit on an airplane. (Yes, he has done that, too.)

www.campacampaign.com

760-654-5059

SUMMARY

SEND MONEY TO: KATIE HILL (CA-25)
GIL CISNEROS (CA-39)
KATIE PORTER (CA-45)
HARLEY ROUDA (CA-48)
AMMAR CAMPA-NAJJAR (CA-50)

SEND HELP: to all of the above, plus MIKE LEVIN (CA49)

U.S. Senate Races, October 10, 2018



SENATE RACES TO WATCH KEYS TO FLIPPING THE SENATE

According to several sources there are a dozen (12) Senate races which will determine whether or not the Senate remains in Republican control, or will transition to a Democratic majority in 2018. These contests are listed below (in alphabetical order by state), with summaries of polling and funding data, and suggestions for how you can help the Democratic candidate in each race. (The most recent polling data is from September. Funding data is several weeks old, dating to August, and is based on FEC filings reported by OpenSecrets.)

NOTE: Campaign contributions can be made easily through the ActBlue website – www.actblue.com. Be sure to indicate that yours is a one-time contribution for this election cycle, since the site default seems to be to a monthly pledge.)

ARIZONA

This is an open seat, now occupied by Jeff Flake (R), who is retiring. Kyrsten Sinema (D) is opposed by Martha McSally (R).

POLLS: Recent polling shows a very close race, and polling has been extensive. (Suffolk, NBC, CNN, Reuters, Fox and ABC among others, in September alone.) Polling sample sizes are small (500 to 1000) and samples selected using varying criteria. In seven (7) September polls Sinema has led in five (5) (average lead 3%), McSally in two (2) (average lead 2%).

MONEY: The national Republican Party has targeted this race. At last report Sinema had raised \$10,500,000, and held \$2,500,000 in reserve for

the final weeks of the campaign. McSally had raised \$7,600,000 and held \$1,900,000 in reserve.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Send money. And help get out the vote.....

www.kyrstensenema.com

480-526-7070

FLORIDA

Bill Nelson (D) is the incumbent. Rick Scott (R), current Florida governor, is the challenger. This is a 'must hold' seat for the Democrats. It is another contest that has been targeted by the national Republican Party.

POLLS: Polling is close. (Another Senate seat which is extensively polled, but most often by local pollsters with private sponsors). Five (5) September polls show Nelson leading in four (4), and one tie (at 47% each). Nelson's average poll lead has been about 2.5%. Poll sample sizes have run from about 800 to 2300. It looks like turn-out will be the key for the Democrats.

MONEY: Nelson had raised \$19,700,000 at last reporting. Scott \$8,600,000. Nelson had \$14,600,000 on hand for his final push. Scott \$3,300,000.

RECOMMENDATIONS: It doesn't look like Nelson needs funds, but can use help in getting out the vote.

www.nelsonforsenate.com

239-334-7760

INDIANA

Joe Donnelly (D) is the incumbent, and Mike Braun (R) is the challenger. This is another 'must hold' Democratic Senate seat. Another targeted seat by the national Republican Party.

POLLS: Five (5) polls in August and September show Donnelly ahead in four (4), and Braun in one (1). (Fox News in early September had Braun up 2%.) Donnelly's polling average is up about 3.5% on Braun, with the most recent poll (Fox News) showing Donnelly up by 2%, with 16% undecided.

MONEY: This race lags behind in campaign finance reporting (most recent is July), but Donnelly had out-raised Braun \$11,500,000 to \$8,250,000. Donnelly at that time had \$6,400,000 in reserve to Braun's \$1,100,000.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Given Indiana's Republican track record and registration advantage, the national party thinks they can take this seat. So.....SEND MONEY.....and help get out the vote.

www.joeforindiana.com

317-231-7108

MISSOURI

Claire McCaskill (D) is the incumbent, Josh Hawley (R) the challenger. Another 'must hold' for the Democrats. And another race that the national Republican Party has targeted, and which is the subject of substantial PAC and dark money attacks on McCaskill.

POLLS: Perhaps the most frequently polled Senate race, with thirteen (13) polls available since August, eleven (11) in September alone. Six (6) polls show Hawley with the lead (with leads of between 2% and 7%); four (4) have McCaskill leading, with spreads of between 2% and 3%. Three (3) polls show it dead even, with the most recent poll (Fox News, October 2nd) showing the race tied.

MONEY: McCaskill has raised \$22,400,000 and held \$6,600,000 in reserve at last reporting. Hawley raised \$5,300,000, with \$2,300,000 in reserve for the final push.

RECOMMENDATIONS: It doesn't look like McCaskill needs money, but getting out the vote will be crucial in this election. Younger voters and women need to storm the polls in Missouri. Help get those voters out....

www.clairemccaskill.com

314-918-8100

MONTANA

Jon Tester (D) is the incumbent, Matt Rosendale (R), the challenger. Another 'must hold' for the Democrats. Tester is a reasonably popular Senator in his home state, but the state leans heavily Republican.

POLLS: Six (6) polls are reported since July. (Four (4) in September.) Four of the six (4 of 6) show Tester with a lead of between 2% and 7%. One poll in August had Rosendale with a lead of 2%, and another in September showed the race tied. (Both of these polls were sponsored by the Republican Senatorial Committee.) It's a close race by any measure which is somewhat worrying given the fund-raising disparity set forth below. (In the primary election in July 115,000 Democrats voted for Tester, and 153,000 Republicans voted for four (4) Republican candidates.)

MONEY: Tester has raised \$14,000,000, and has \$6,100,000 in reserve. Rosendale raised \$2,000,000, and held \$640,000 in reserve for the final run.

RECOMMENDATIONS: It doesn't look like Tester needs money, but he does need to turn-out his voters. Contact the Tester campaign at www.jontester.com

NEVADA

A key race for Democrats in attempting to regain a Senate majority. Jacky Rosen (D) is challenging incumbent Dean Heller (R). Heller is a vigorous trump backer, and was quite outspoken on the kavanaugh nomination. Another race that the national Republican Party has targeted.

POLLS: In five polls since August, Rosen has out-polled Heller on three occasions (3), with margins of 2, 4, and 5%. Heller has bested Rosen twice, with margins of 1 and 3%. The most recent poll (CNN), on September 29, showed Rosen up 47% to 43%. A very close race, where turn-out of young, women and minority voters will be crucial.

MONEY: Heller has raised \$10,700,000 (with lots more on the way) to Rosen's \$9,200,000. Heller had \$5,800,000 on hand for the campaign conclusion, Rosen \$3,800,000.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Jacky Rosen needs money to fight off Heller's negative ads...send it. She also needs help turning-out her vote...

www.rosenfornevada.com

702-815-5108

NEW JERSEY

Robert Menendez (D) is the incumbent, Bob Hugin (R) is the challenger. This is a state in which the national Republican Party (and its moneyed backers) have invested incredible sums of money. Republicans feel that this seat can easily be taken, since (as you may recall) Menendez was tried for public corruption a year ago (hung jury). Despite this, Menendez does remain fairly popular in New Jersey. Most pundits (Cook, Sabato, Fox, CNN, Real Clear Politics see this race as ‘lean’ to ‘likely’ Democratic.)

POLLS: All seven (7) available polls since August show Menendez in the lead, by an average margin of between 6% and 7%. (The most recent poll – Quinnipiac on October 2nd – gives Menendez a lead of 11%.)

MONEY: Hugin has raised \$16,700,000 (!) to Menendez’ \$8,900,000. Menendez has \$6,400,000 in reserve, Hugin \$8,100,000. Hugin has outspent Menendez over 2 to 1 to date, yet not improved his polling.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Democratic voters need to turn out (registered Democrats out-number Republicans in New Jersey by almost one million voters)...Menendez probably has sufficient funds for his final push to election day.

www.menendezfornj.com

732-374-3577

NORTH DAKOTA

Heidi Heitkamp (D) is the incumbent, Kevin Cramer (R), the challenger. This is a seat the Democrats would like to hold, but it does not appear they will be able to do so. She has had some help from the national Democratic Party, but it appears she may have been abandoned in recent days.

POLLS: Only three polls have been published on this race. The most recent (by Gray TV?) shows Cramer with a 10% point lead. Heitkamp is a “blue dog” Democrat, and has not been overly popular during her tenure. She has been attacked on immigration policy, and more recently for her vote against the kavanaugh nomination. PAC spending money against her (on “issues”) has been considerable.

MONEY: Heitkamp has raised \$10,900,000 as of last reporting, a considerable sum for a North Dakota Senate race. Cramer has raised

\$3,200,000. To date Cramer has only spent \$1,200,000 in campaign funds, but with PAC attacks on Heitkamp he has increased his polling lead from 4% to 10% since June.

RECOMMENDATIONS: It doesn't appear to me a money issue here. The Democratic base in North Dakota is thin, and Heitkamp needs to turn out young voters and women to make this a contest. Help her do that:

www.heidifornorthdakota.com

701-232-8030

TENNESSEE

This is the seat being vacated by Bob Corker (R). Phil Bredesen (D), former governor, and Marsha Blackburn (R), current congresswoman, are the candidates. It's a very close race. Tennessee is a red state, but Bredesen was a popular two-term governor. Again, the national Republican Party, and their PACs, are heavily invested here.

POLLS: Five recent polls are split – Bredesen has emerged atop three (3) by 2%, 3% and 5%. Blackburn has out-pollled Bredesen by 3% and 4% in the other two polls. (The two most recent polls, in the second week of September) were split: Blackburn leading in one by 3%, Bredesen in the other by 5%.

MONEY: Campaign funding is neck-and-neck – Bredesen has raised \$8,500,000 and Blackburn \$8,000,000. But reserves as the election approaches are profoundly lop-sided in Blackburn's direction – she has \$7,000,000 on hand to Bredesen's \$3,000,000.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Bredesen needs money for the end of this campaign. Send him some. He also needs to turn out his vote in the red state. Help him.

www.bredesen.com

833-744-5486

TEXAS

Perhaps the most interesting Senate race. Beto O'Rourke (D), sitting Democratic congressman from El Paso, appears to be giving incumbent Ted Cruz (R), originally heavily favored in the contest, a real run for his money.

Cruz has avoided the state in recent weeks; flooded tv with negative ads; debated O'Rourke and been bested (and has cancelled all future debates); and had Texas son Willie Nelson endorse O'Rourke (and hit the campaign trail with him). The race seems to be tightening.

POLLS: Of six polls published since August, Cruz leads in five (5), with margins of between 1% and 9%...O'Rourke captured one poll by a 2% margin. On September 20 Public Policy Polling had Cruz with a 3%. Many of the polls are based upon 'likely' voters. O'Rourke's game plan seems to be to turn-out lots of first time voters: Latinos and young people. We'll see how that goes.

MONEY: O'Rourke has rejected 'big' money – and relied upon individual donations. He has not been endorsed by President Obama, and been financially ignored by the national Democratic Party, yet has raised an astounding \$23,300,000.....precisely what Cruz has raised from his national donor base. At last reporting (which is several weeks behind) O'Rourke held \$14,000,000 for the final weeks, Cruz had \$9,300,000.

RECOMMENDATIONS: I don't think O'Rourke needs the money, but I will send some anyway just to say I was on board for this rather incredible campaign. He does need help getting his newbie voters out....contact him...

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WEST VIRGINIA

Another 'must hold' senate for the Democrats. Joe Manchin (D) is the incumbent, Patrick Morrissey (R), the challenger.

POLLS: Five polls are available since August. One (by the Morrissey campaign) showed a tie. The others have shown Manchin holding a lead of between 6% and 10%. No national polling organization polls are available for this race.

MONEY: Manchin has raised \$7,500,000 to Morrissey's \$3,000,000. Manchin's reserves are \$6,300,000 at last reporting, to Morrissey's \$900,000.

RECOMMENDATIONS: This seat seems safe...no need for money. But we shouldn't be complacent. Help Manchin turn-out his voters!

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WISCONSIN

Another 'must hold' for the Democrats. Incumbent Tammy Baldwin (D) is being challenged by Leah Vukmir (R). Republican PAC money has been made available, though Vukmir's campaign has not been very successful at money raising. (See below.)

POLLS: Three polls are available since the Spring. Read serially they show a tightening race. Baldwin enjoyed a 12% advantage before the Republican primary this summer, but that lead had dwindled to 2% in a Marquette Law School Poll in August (last available). The national Democratic Party is concerned.

MONEY: Baldwin has raised \$22,600,000, and holds \$6,700,000 in reserve. Vukmir has raised \$2,000,000 and holds only \$430,000 in reserve.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Help Baldwin turn-out her voters...

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SUMMARY

SEND MONEY: Sinema (Arizona)
Donnelly (Indiana)
Rosen (Nevada)
Bredesen (Tennessee)

HELP GOTV: ALL TWELVE SENATE RACES