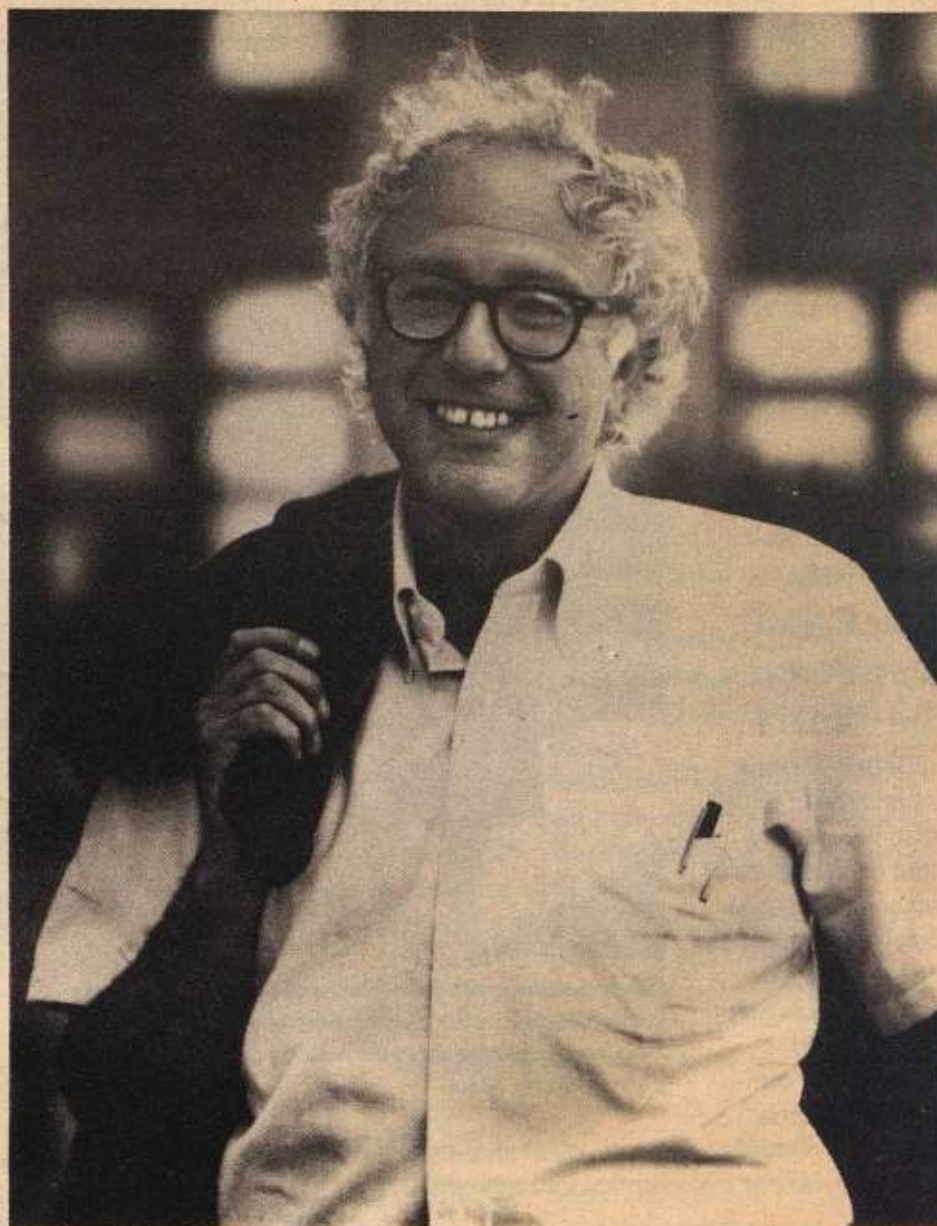

Some politicians flip flop on the issues.
Other politicians duck the issues.
But Bernie Sanders is different.

You know
where
he stands.

**BERNIE
SANDERS**

INDEPENDENT

**for
CONGRESS**



VOTE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Bernie Sanders: For nearly 20 years he's been a fighter for Vermonters!

Bernie Sanders is a very rare and very special type of politician. He has captured the respect of thousands of Vermonters for staying true to his principles and for "telling it like it is."

For almost two decades Bernie Sanders has stood up for ordinary Vermonters. He has worked tirelessly for people's right to decent housing; for affordable heat, electric and telephone bills; for quality health care for everyone; for alternatives to the unfair homeowner's property tax; for a safe environment; and for a world of peace.

As a four-term Mayor of Burlington, he has made good on his most basic belief: that government should work for ordinary people, not just people who happen to have money or special connections.

Speaking Out for Peace and Justice in the World

Bernie Sanders has been an effective voice here in Vermont on the issues of war and peace, and social justice. He has been a strong advocate of reducing the arms race and developing a common sense foreign policy that recognizes poverty, disease, illiteracy, and hunger as our true enemies throughout the world.

He's Helped People Lower Their Electric, Telephone and Cable TV Rates

Bernie Sanders has been a champion for consumers in Vermont. Time and time again he has fought rate increases in basic utilities for Vermonters. He has challenged telephone company increases. He's fought to end seasonal electric rates which are devastating to people with electric heat. And he has consistently led the fight against large health insurance increases.

Building and Keeping Housing Affordable for Vermonters

Mayor Sanders knows that all people have a right to decent, affordably-priced homes and apartments.

In Burlington, Bernie has worked to get over 350 units of affordable housing built or soon to be under construction. He has secured \$6 million in federal grants to help working people, single mothers and people with disabilities to get new two and three-bedroom apartments under \$350 per month.

Mayor Sanders awarded over \$200,000 to start the Burlington Community Land Trust which helps low and moderate income people buy a home while guaranteeing that it will be reasonably-priced for the next buyer. *The program was cited by the United Nations as a model for preserving affordable housing.*

Renters have found Mayor Sanders a good friend; he's improved inspections of apartments to guarantee their safety; adopted a strong security deposit ordinance; and channeled over \$2 million

since 1983 into rental housing repairs such as improved insulation, wiring, and heating.



Mayor Sanders with Ellie Blais and her daughter Becky at South Meadow in Burlington. With city support, forty 3-bedroom apartments in the new complex rent for approximately \$350.



Mayor Sanders negotiated a \$4 per month cable TV discount for Burlington's low-income senior citizens.

A Voice—and a Friend—for Senior Citizens

Vermont's elderly know Bernie Sanders as a courageous and outspoken politician who has fought for lower property taxes, for better health care options, for lower health insurance and utility bills.

In Burlington, Bernie has reached out to senior citizens with respect and admiration. He negotiated a program to give elderly citizens a \$4 discount each month on their Cable TV bill; he proposed—and voters approved—legislation to eliminate property taxes altogether for low income seniors, but the plan was defeated by the Legislature.

His Administration has supported many programs, involving millions of dollars, to improve the lives of seniors:

- significant funding for Visiting Nurses and Area Agency on Aging offices;
- a free bolt, latch 'n key service;
- increased transportation services;
- support for a new senior housing project;
- food co-op program for senior citizens;
- funding for Project Home to match single seniors with boarders;
- Operation Snow Shovel, a free service for elderly;
- a "reverse equity" loan program to help seniors pay property taxes;
- a free house paint program; and many others!

"I know not everyone agrees with all of my ideas. But I think people realize that since I began in politics in Vermont in 1970 I have been open, honest, above board, and have told people exactly what I thought.

Since 1970 I have opposed telephone and electric rate increases, fought for a progressive and fair tax system, fought alongside workers trying to protect their union, for the family farm, for women's rights, for affordable health care, for senior citizens, and for a world of peace and justice.

I would be proud to represent Vermonters in Washington on these issues."



"One of the 20 Best Mayors in America"

—US News & World Report (1987)

Under Mayor Sanders' leadership, Burlington, though a small city by national standards, has become a national model in areas such as housing, efficient government, youth and the arts, tax reform and citizen involvement.

Mayor Sanders has taken good ideas and made them work. His record is an outstanding one:

Protecting the Environment

- Vetoed a proposed trash-burning plant
- Turned problem-plagued landfill into one of best-run in Vermont
- Acquired over 1 mile of beach for the public
- Worked with state to develop largest environmental protection project in Vermont history—\$52 million cleanup of Lake Champlain
- Invested nearly \$5 million for improved parks, Bike Path and Community Boathouse

More Services for Fewer Tax Dollars

- Put insurance policies out to bid for the first time
- Merged overlapping departments to save taxes and improve services
- Introduced modern accounting and budgeting
- Required utilities to pay for the repair of destroyed city streets
- Insisted that developers pay for the impact of their large projects

Fighting Against the Unfair Property Tax

- Held residential property tax increases below inflation rate for 7 years
- Homeowners effectively pay less today in taxes than in 1981
- Developed alternatives to fund municipal services
- First classification program in Vermont to lower tax burden on homeowners

Standing Up for Women's Rights

- Established and funded the Burlington Women's Council
- Implemented programs to train women seeking work in skilled trades
- Created Burlington Children's Space child care center with sliding scale fee schedule based on income

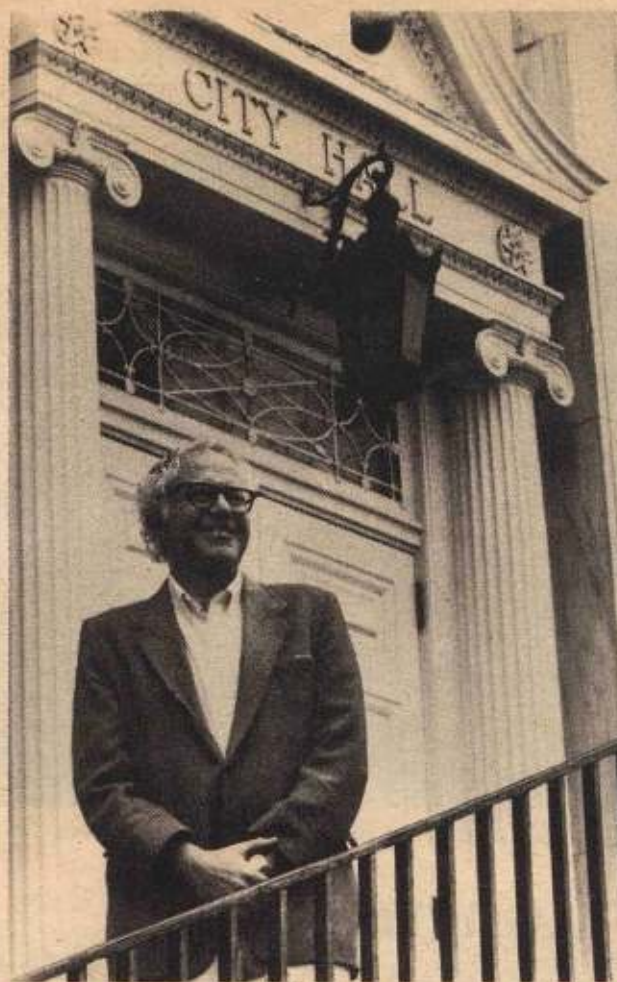


Photo by Ron MacNeil

- Created Women's Economic Opportunity Program
- Consistent supporter of ERA and women's reproductive rights
- Self defense classes for women and sexual assault prevention program
- Comparable worth pay program in city government



Burlington: America's "Most Liveable" Small City

In June of 1988, the United States Conference of Mayors recognized Mayor Sanders' leadership in the arts and cultural events as a prime reason for Burlington's special award.

Mayor Sanders has made the arts and entertainment available to everyone regardless of their income. The Discover Jazz Festival, Battery Park Summer Concerts, First Night, Film programs, and Neighborhood Festivals are a few of the programs Mayor Sanders has begun or supported.

6,000 New Jobs Created; 1.8% Unemployment Rate Is Lowest in U.S.

Mayor Sanders' leadership in business and job development has helped the Burlington area become a dynamic, vibrant place to work and do business.

The Sanders Administration has a solid record of supporting business and industry:

- Secured five large federal grants for economic development projects
- Established a small business incubator project to help local people start businesses
- Created revolving loan fund to support new and innovative businesses
- Set up Employee Ownership Project to foster employee-owned shops and small factories
- Established Women's Economic Opportunity Program for women in business
- Abolished the unfair business inventory tax

"What we've shown in Burlington is that government can work for ordinary people if you have leaders who don't settle for 'business as usual.' Government can play a positive role in people's lives—with better and more affordable housing, reasonable utility rates, a clean environment, safe workplaces, and arts, recreation and youth programs that everyone can afford.

In Congress, I will work to restore the federal revenue sharing of \$12 million per year to Vermont cities and towns to help them restore services and stabilize taxes."

Mayor Bernie Sanders has the vision of a better world ahead. And the experience to help bring it about.

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As Mayor, Bernie Sanders has been working on environmental issues on a day-to-day basis for nearly 8 years.

Vermonters Need a Congressman Who Won't Back Down Against Corporate Polluters

Mayor Bernie Sanders:

Our world is in danger from air and water pollution, depletion in the ozone layer of the atmosphere, ocean dumping, and the terrible destruction of the tropical rain forests. In America, the federal government has cut back on funding for sewage treatment plants, solid waste programs, hazardous waste cleanups and groundwater protection.

Vermont has led the nation in many areas of environmental protection. Now we need a tough Congressman who will push the United States to become a world leader in environmental protection. Someone who can stand up to the power of corporations that dominate environmental policy today.

We need a stronger environmental policy:

- immediately pass tough cleanup legislation on acid rain to save our forests, rivers and lakes
- increase funding for towns and cities to improve sewage treatment plants, landfills, and recycling programs
- stop manufacturing materials that deplete the ozone layer and put millions at risk of cancer

- halt multinational corporations from bulldozing and burning the tropical rain forests, now losing over 50,000 acres each day
- end nuclear power construction and develop better conservation and alternative energy programs
- protect our wildlife refuges from oil exploration and development

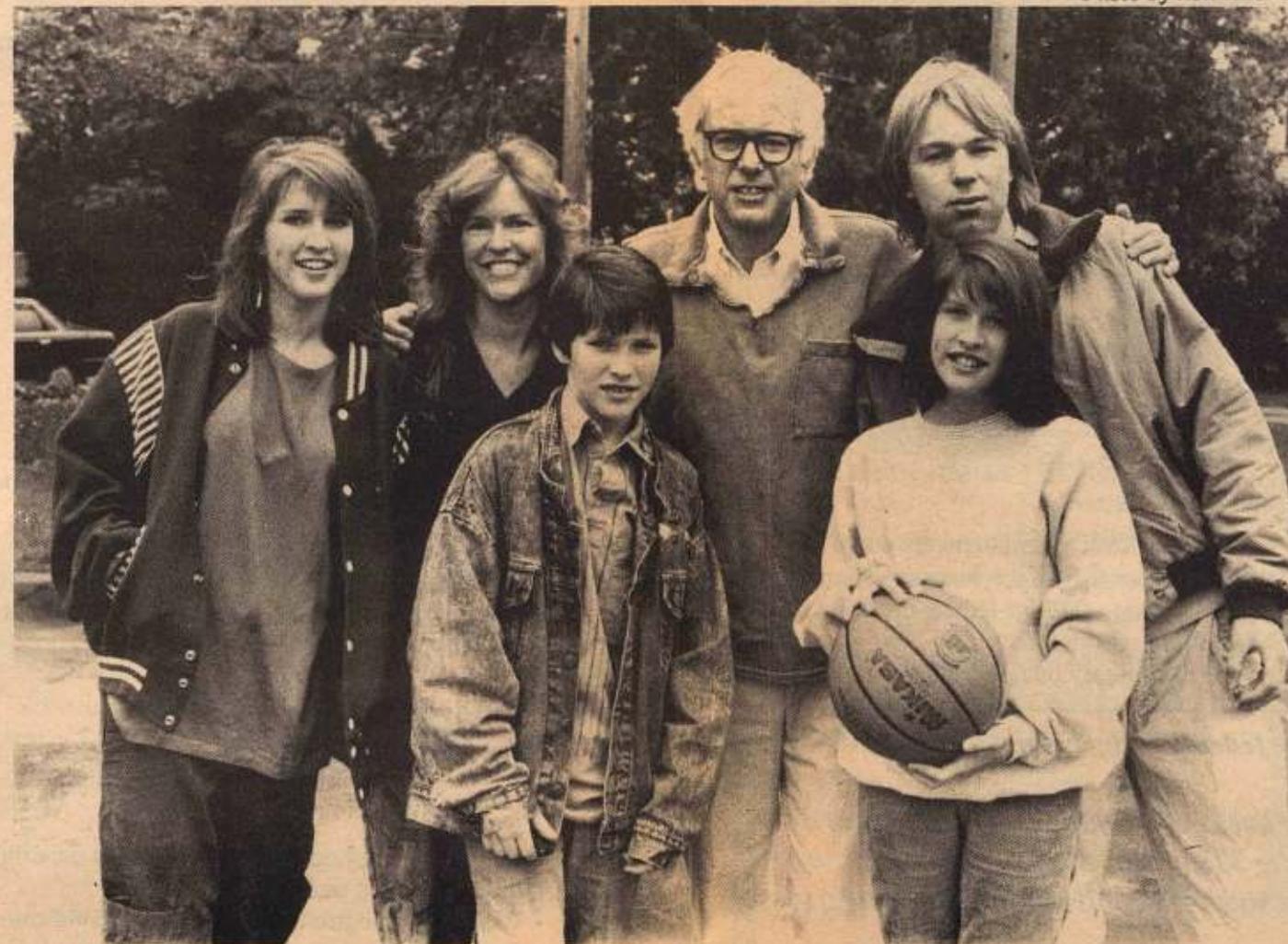


Ralph Nader at Bernie's home in October discussing national environmental policy.

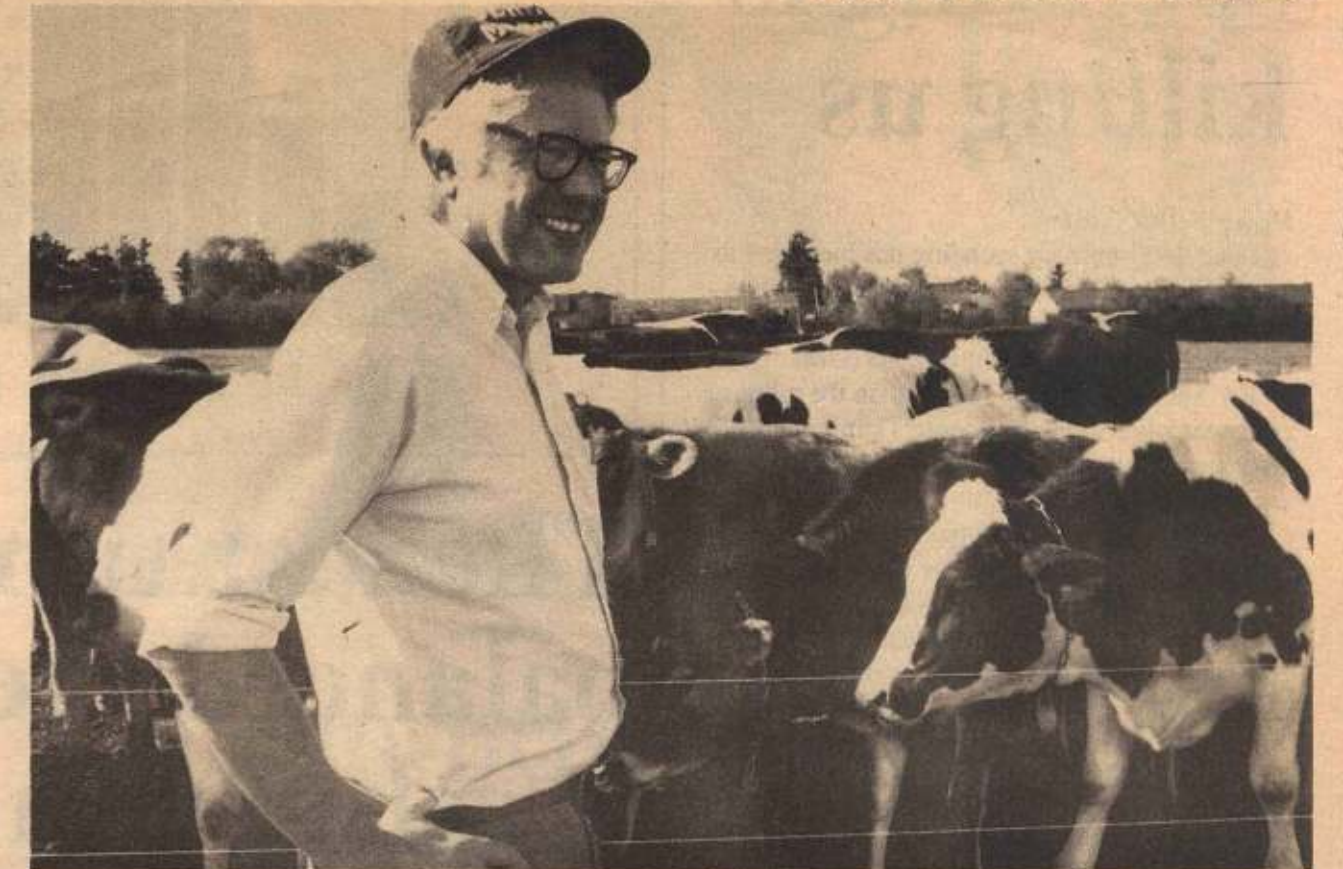
"I've travelled throughout Vermont during this campaign for Congress and talked to thousands of people. To me, the issue in this campaign is fairly simple. Do Vermonters want someone to go down to Washington and play the game of politics-as-usual? Or do Vermonters want a Congressman with the courage to stand up for the rights of ordinary people against the large corporations, the powerful lobbyists, and the big money interests?"

I believe independent-minded Vermonters want Congressional representatives who have what people call 'the courage of their convictions,' who won't flip flop on the issues and change their minds after a quick meeting with party leaders. They want a Congressman who, when it comes to getting results for Vermont, won't take no for an answer. I will raise the right issues in Congress, and I'll be effective. Standing up for what's right is the way to be effective. Telling it like it is is the way to be effective. Helping people with Veterans' benefits, Social Security, and Medicare issues is the way to be effective. With the support of Vermonters, my goal will be to become the most effective representative Vermont's ever had."

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Jane and Bernie Sanders with their children (from left) Heather, David, Carina (with basketball) and Levi.



Vermont is losing dairy farms because farmers are getting less for their milk today than they did in 1980.

If We Keep Losing One Farm a Day, Pretty Soon We'll Lose Vermont

Mayor Bernie Sanders:

We must preserve Vermont's family farms that are disappearing at a rate of almost one a day. But we'll need a Congressman with courage and determination to stand up for farmers.

What Vermont dairy farmers need is a fair price for their product; today they are receiving less than they did in 1980 for the same quantity of milk. And all the while taxes, wages, electricity and feed grain prices have gone up.

Farmers' incomes are down 20% since 1980. Their milk price is at rock bottom.

Yet, incredibly, some of my opponents want to see Vermont farmers compete in the open, world-wide market, which is guaranteed to drive prices down even further. More farms would go out of business; the rural economy would decline even further; and more beautiful open spaces would be turned over to developers.

We need a new farm policy:

- immediately raise the farm price of milk from \$12 to \$15 per hundredweight, back to what farmers were getting in 1980;
- institute a cost of production price formula to protect farmers from cost increases;

- guarantee through the next farm bill that enough milk is produced to meet U.S. needs; we should not cut production while people go hungry.
- allow farmers to vote for the supply management system they prefer;
- provide research directed to the needs of family farmers, not corporate agriculture;
- protect farmers from cheap imports dumped on the U.S. market.

Bernie Sanders is the only candidate who is pushing for what Vermont farmers need: higher farm milk prices. He has publicly called for increasing milk prices to at least where they were in 1980. This would put millions of dollars back into our rural economy.

Bernie knows how to make government work, and work well for ordinary people. His commitment to working people makes it easy for Bernie to understand what our working farm families need.

More than ever, we need a Congressman who has the ability and the guts to stand up for higher farm prices and for policies that will make the family farm strong again.

Anthony Pollina

Farm Advocate/Director of Rural Vermont

Military spending is killing us

Mayor Bernie Sanders:

Since 1981 military spending has increased to \$300 billion while spending for social programs like Medicare, housing, education, nutrition, and environmental protection have gone down.

It is not right to spend so much on the military each year when many Vermonters can't get decent medical care, can't afford a home of their own, and are losing their farms.

To keep our country strong we need to cut defense spending and invest tax dollars in housing, better schools, and modernizing our infrastructure of roads, bridges, and railroad tracks. A strong country has clean air, clean water and a non-polluted environment.

Let's bring military spending under control:

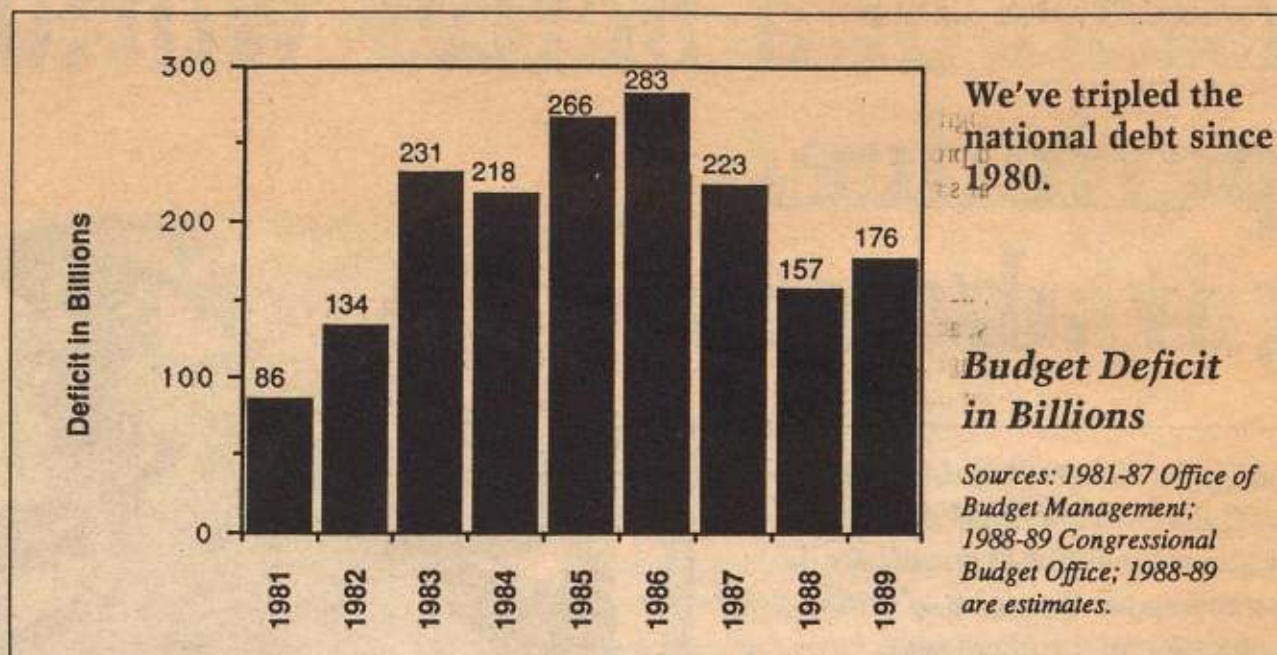
- reducing military spending immediately by at least 10% for \$30 billion savings
- adopt moratorium on nuclear weapons testing
- begin serious negotiations with Soviet Union toward gradual step-by-step disarmament
- freeze all existing nuclear weapons systems
- oppose buildup of conventional weapons
- cancel systems which simply add to "overkill" such as B-1 bomber and Trident D-5 missile

For world peace...



Mayor Bernie Sanders welcomes Mayor Alexandr Ryabkov of Yaroslavl in the Soviet Union to Vermont in October. The two mayors negotiated a Sister City agreement between their two cities.

In Congress Bernie Sanders will work to expand people-to-people contacts with the Soviet Union to reduce the chance of a nuclear war. "Meeting and getting to know our adversaries is ultimately the best path to peace."



The last time they balanced the budget in Washington was 1969

Photo by Ron MacNeil

Mayor Bernie Sanders:

It's easy to understand how we have annual federal budget deficits of over \$150 billion, and why we now have a national debt of over \$2.5 trillion, almost \$9,000 for every person in America. What's hard is electing people to Congress with the courage to call a spade a spade.

We have a huge deficit because we have given over \$350 billion worth of tax breaks to the wealthiest 2% of our population—the people who make over \$250,000 per year. We've allowed many corporations to make billions in profits but pay no taxes. And we've pumped up military spending to absurd levels.

We now pay \$151 billion a year in interest on our national debt, the third largest slice of the budget pie after Defense and Social Security. It will climb even higher in a few years.

We can balance the budget with no income tax increase for 98% of Vermonters:

- reinstate progressive tax rates for the 2% of households with the highest incomes, those above \$250,000 per year.



Mayor Bernie Sanders has balanced the Burlington city budget every year.

- reinstate the level of corporate tax contributions to the same level as in the Administration of Richard Nixon—22% of federal revenues, as opposed to just 11% today.
- reduce the military budget by 10%.

"The truth of the matter is that balancing the federal budget is not difficult; it simply requires courage.

I will never vote to balance the budget on the backs of working people. Let's turn first to the top 2% of households, those making \$250,000 per year or more.

They've taken over \$357 billion in tax breaks since 1981 while taxes for people earning under \$30,000 have gone up.

We can and must balance the budget; our economic future depends on it."

We can't forget America's children

Mayor Bernie Sanders:

National children's programs for housing, nutrition, health care, and protection services have lost \$10 billion every year since 1981 with dreadful results.

In Congress I will work to restore funding for child nutrition programs, housing and health care services for poor families, and for a comprehensive child care assistance package.

We must commit to our children and young people at least as much attention and resources as we commit to researching and improving our technology for making war.

We simply cannot tell our young people to say no to drugs without creating positive alternatives and decent job opportunities in their lives.



"I believe quality health care should be the right of every American citizen. It is tragic that senior citizens, despite Medicare coverage, still pay 50% of their health care bills out of their own pockets, and that many elderly have to sell their homes and go broke to get help on nursing home costs. We need a revolution in this country in how we deliver health care services. One of my highest priorities in Congress will be to work for a comprehensive, publicly financed national health care program that guarantees quality health care services to every American."



"Congress must act boldly to assure quality health care for everyone," says Mayor Sanders.

We can bring down the spiraling cost of health care

Mayor Bernie Sanders:

Of all the industrialized countries only the United States and South Africa do not have a national health care program that ensures that everyone gets necessary medical care without regard to their ability to pay.

We are one of the wealthiest nations in the world, spending over \$500 billion a year on health care. Yet almost 20% of Vermonters have no health insurance whatsoever, and most people are underinsured. Insurance premiums for businesses and individuals are zooming upward, and medical cost inflation has been much higher than the general inflation rate.

We have a serious health care crisis. I will work for a national health care program that guarantees all necessary medical, dental and mental health care for every American without out-of-pocket expenses. This is not a utopian, unrealistic concept; this is a reality which has already been accomplished in Canada and can be established in the U.S.

The present health care approach in America is geared to maintain large profits for insurance companies, drug companies, medical equipment suppliers, hospitals and many physicians. The goal

of health care should not be to make billions in profits, but to maintain the health of our people at the lowest possible cost.

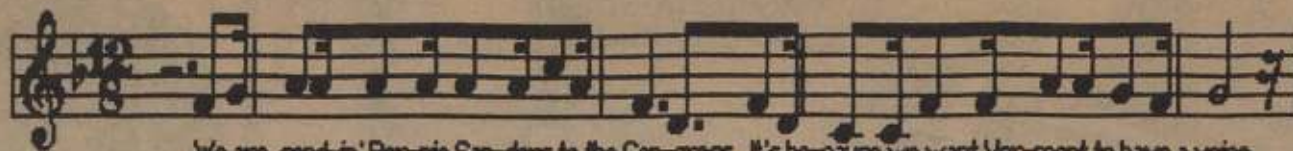
A national health care program can be developed in many ways, but these should be necessary features:

- everyone is covered;
- no deductibles, extra charges, co-payments;
- a single organization in charge of paying the bills so that costs can be monitored;
- preventive programs are emphasized;
- federal/state partnerships are set up to meet local needs;
- mental health, dental, and long-term care coverage included;
- patients have freedom of choice for doctors and hospitals.

A well-run national health care program can bring the cost of medical care down, while extending coverage to every American.

We can reduce the cost to businesses, raise wages for front-line health care workers such as nurses and aides, and people can live their lives without fear of financial ruin due to an illness or accident.

"We are sending Bernie Sanders to the Congress..."



We are send-in' Ber-nie San-ders to the Con-gress, It's be-cause we want Ver-mont to have a voice,

Bernie Sanders has done an outstanding job as Mayor of Burlington and would be a tremendous force in Congress! He's the best person we've had in Vermont in years.

Irene L. Hart, Orwell
housewife

Bernie is the only one that we feel can help us low income people get better housing and lower rents. He has done a wonderful job in Burlington and he sure can do it for the whole state if he gets into Congress.

Lorrie and Norman West, Bristol
voc-tech students

We need someone with the courage to speak out on social justice issues that directly affect us all. Bernie has the ability to get people involved in the political process of changing the existing system of privilege for a small number of the very rich.

Rich Geidel, Putney
bookstore owner/manager

Bernie is extremely honest. He is a proven administrator, a kind humanitarian. He listens to people.

Jim and Barbara Buckley, Worcester
legal secretary and statistician

I am 73 years old. It scares me that the government does not care for problems of the older generation. I believe Bernie Sanders will be a Congressman who will raise his voice about the needs of Senior Citizens. He cares about them.

Maurice Saltiel, Rutland
retired

Bernie Sanders offers Vermonters hope. He is a fighter, straight forward and the only candidate that will go to Washington and represent Republicans and Democrats alike. He is not a "party" candidate. He is a people and issue candidate.

JoAnn Flanagan, Fayston
Democratic chairperson*

We believe Bernie cares about the average person. We need a good choice and with the other candidates it's always the same old story but we can't see what they have done or will do if they are elected. We believe he will make life better for all Vermonters.

Susan and Clarence Baker, Roxbury
secretary and part-time carpenter/
housekeeper

Most politicians merely talk about symptoms. Bernie addresses the root causes and fights for real change.

Tim Kipp, Brattleboro
teacher, Vt. NEA member

Bernie has proved he's for the workers, and farmers are certainly workers. He would work hard in Congress for higher milk prices; someone's got to do it or farmers just aren't going to be here.

Mary and Bob Judd, Sr., North Troy
dairy farmers

Vermont doesn't need another back room dealer who sells us out. Vermont needs Bernie Sanders.

Mary Deaett, Montpelier

Bernie speaks in a clear voice for the people. Unlike the other candidates, Bernie is not packaged, handled, groomed, or advertised like the latest fast food. Bernie is real.

Peter Cooper, Rutland
writer

I support Bernie Sanders for Congress because he has consistently been the only voice discussing poverty, housing discrimination and affordability, health care, child care and other issues that profoundly affect women and children.

Kathy Searles, Burlington
director, Project Self-Sufficiency for Women*

Bernie knows that people are concerned about health care, the environment, affordable housing, and high caliber education, and that while this country has been expanding its capability to destroy the world with nuclear weapons we have forgotten some essential services.

Dr. John Radebaugh, Norwich
family practitioner

As a senior citizen I speak for many men and women in this community in endorsing Mayor Sanders for Congress. He is a proven advocate for a better life for young and old, and he believes that all should be heard and live in dignity as befits this beautiful country.

Margaret Richardson, Burlington
retired

I'm 66 and know that "politics as usual" has been a failure in the U.S. and is contributing to the downfall of Vermont. So far gone are we that the honest statements on the real issues by Bernie, the only politician known to me who makes them, are not even heard by the frightened media. We must spread the word: we need Bernie.

Richard Clark, Chittenden

Bernie is the only alternative to the problems that never get corrected.

Brahm E. Muther, Chester
Chief Steward Bryant Grinder of Springfield*

I think Bernie really can win if we all go out and vote for the candidate who really shares our priorities.

Janet Van Fleet, Cabot
elementary school teacher

Bernie is a person who will stand up for the rights of those who are most in need. He is not afraid to fight for what he believes in.

Brenda A. Hall, Burlington
child care worker

Sanders is the only candidate committed to fundamental change, who has no debts or ties to the established parties. He's the only candidate who represents the have-nots above all else. And his record in Burlington has demonstrated he can carry out his agenda.

Katherine Clark, Plainfield
state employee/writer, editor

All of the big politicians are concerned with the wealthy people, and Bernie Sanders is for the poorer, the working class people. He cares what younger people have to say. He has his own style, but he gets things done.

Sarah Maynard, St. Johnsbury
bookkeeper

As a Burlington labor leader who has negotiated labor contracts with various Burlington city officials, I can positively state that one of the "cornerstones" of the Sanders Administration is good, fair labor relations. Bernie Sanders stands "clear cut" above every other so-called labor candidate both past and present. Not in words, but by his actions. Sanders is the laborer's candidate.

Patrick T. Lovejoy, Colchester
AFSCME Local #1343*

Of all the candidates running for Congress, we believe Bernie Sanders has the strongest record—and perhaps the deepest convictions—of working for a true change in national priorities.

Ben Cohen, Jericho
Jerry Greenfield, Williston
owners, Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream*

I think many dairy farmers are feeling that the system isn't working and we need to try a different approach. I think Bernie understands what our problems are and if he got elected he would have the courage to really work on the tough issues, such as why the government says there is a milk surplus and yet there are no dairy products available to feed the hungry.

Lee Light, Plainfield
dairy farmer

*Listed for identification purposes only.
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A word about our campaign song



Composer
Bill Cleary

"We Are Sending Bernie Sanders to the Congress" is the campaign song and radio commercial that has got most of Vermont talking! The words and music are by Bill Cleary of Shelburne, a singer and songwriter who is a strong supporter of Mayor Sanders' political goals. *Thank you, Bill!*

The next time you hear it, we hope you'll sing along:

*We are sending Bernie Sanders to the Congress
It's because we want Vermont to have a voice
Where the public get their view
Without privilege for a few
It is time our nation had a better choice.*

*We are sending Bernie Sanders to the Congress
Where the likes of Bernie seldom get to go
He'll soon have 'em up in arms
For the workers and the farms
Like Americans were dreamin' years ago.*

*So VOTE FOR BERNIE, VOTE FOR BERNIE
He's got the fire, the purpose and the nerve
And the people from our state
Will have cause to celebrate
They will finally have the voice that they deserve.*

Join Us!

Bernie Sanders can use your help in the final days of the campaign. If you're interested in volunteering some time or making a contribution, please contact one of our offices:

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