

Vermonters agree: Bernie Sanders is getting the job done!

He's working for:

- ☒ **National health care**
- ☒ **Reinvesting in America
& creating jobs**
- ☒ **Women's rights**
- ☒ **Protecting the
environment**
- ☒ **Fair taxation &
deficit reduction**
- ☒ **Improving veterans'
benefits**
- ☒ **Protecting Social
Security & Medicare**
- ☒ **Cancer research**
- ☒ **Improving education**
- ☒ **Saving family farms**



**Let's re-elect
Bernie Sanders,
Independent, to Congress**

Please see inside!

"We need jobs with good wages, decent benefits and good working conditions. We need the empty industrial buildings to be full again. We need to rebuild America. We need Bernie Sanders!"

—Andrea Cook Bushaw
Licensed Practical Nurse
Perkinsville

"Bernie's words and actions are based on a belief that America belongs to all of us, not just the rich and multinational corporations. We all have the right to a good job, affordable housing, health care, education for our children, and to live in an unpolluted world in peace."

—Jill Castelli
Dental Hygienist, Brookfield

"Bernie dares to propose real solutions to our economic problems."

—Martha Hennessy
Occupational Therapist
Perkinsville

Vermonters need jobs, now!

Here's Bernie's plan:

"With over 10 million workers unemployed, hundreds of thousands of decent-paying jobs being exported to Mexico and Asia, and the standard of living of working people in decline, the federal government **must** play an active role in creating new, good-paying jobs," said Bernie when he presented his 4-point plan for new jobs to Vermonters.

1. Our Tax dollars should create jobs at home.

"Now that the Cold War is over, and the Soviet Union and the Warsaw Pact no longer exist, we do not need to spend \$135 billion a year defending Germany, Western Europe and Japan against a non-existent enemy. We can cut military spending and bring that money home, rebuild America and, in the process, create millions of decent-paying jobs for our people."

2. Investing in infrastructure.

"We can create untold **new job opportunities** by rebuilding our infrastructure which has been ignored for so many years. Vermont and America need new roads, bridges, affordable housing, water and sewage systems, environmental cleanup, mass transit, increased weatherization efforts, better health care, and improved educational opportunities," says Bernie.

3. Revitalize American industry.

"The United States once ranked first in the world in terms of the wages and benefits we paid our manufacturing workers, the quality of our products and the development of new technology. Today, we lag far behind many other nations in all of these areas. The United States needs a **New Industrial Policy** which brings



"People are worried about their economic future," says Bernie. "We've got to keep jobs from being shipped overseas and we've got to reinvest in our infrastructure, our education, and environment."

together the private sector, the government and working people in order to develop a strategy so that once again, the United States can lead the world in the products that we produce and the wages we pay our workers," Bernie declares.

4. Improving education and making college affordable.

"The future will require a flexible, well-educated and highly skilled work force. It is an absolute disgrace that tens of millions of young Americans are receiving inadequate education because of a *lack of commitment on the part of the federal government*. We **must** assure that every American who has the ability should be able to attend college regardless of the income of their family."

"Working people and the poor shouldn't pay for the S&L bailout."

Bernie Sanders has stood up against the Big Money in Washington, especially the special interest banking groups which want to dump the cost of the Savings & Loan bailout on the shoulders of the average taxpayers.

The cost of bailing out the S&L fiasco is staggering—it may get as high as \$500 billion. Most Washington politicians wanted to hide the bailout cost by putting it "off budget" and simply dumping it into America's mounting deficit. **But not Bernie.** He put together a coalition of Congress members to fight the S&L give-away and in April of 1992 they defeated it. "Future generations should not be forced to pay for the greed, stupidity and dishonesty of many of the leaders of the S&L industry during the 1980s," says Bernie, a member of the House Banking Committee which prepares and reviews bailout legislation.

"I have fought, in committee and on the floor of the House, to make those responsible for this fiasco pay the cost of the bailout. **The bailout simply can-**

not be paid for by middle income people, working people, the elderly, or poor people," Bernie told Vermonters during the S&L debate.

The Big Money wants Bernie out of Washington. He's one of the few members of the House Banking committee who has not — and will not — accept contributions from the banking, financial and real estate industries. But 4,000 Vermonters* have contributed an average of approximately \$30 each to help him get to Congress and fight for us.

*Vermont contributions from past Congressional campaigns included.

"Vermonters should not go broke paying medical bills."

Bernie introduced one of the most respected National Health Care plans in Congress.

For 20 years now, Bernie has been fighting for a national health care system which guarantees health care to all people without-out-of-pocket expense. And today, more and more people in Washington and Montpelier are listening.

In 1991, Bernie became the first Vermont representative in Congress to ever introduce universal and comprehensive national health care legislation. He testified before every major committee in the House which deals with health care, demanding that the crisis be addressed. Bernie will not rest until the Congress finally recognizes that the current health care system, in which 85 million Americans have either no health insurance or inadequate insurance, must be completely revamped. It is unacceptable to Bernie that the U.S. and South Africa are the only two nations in the industrialized world which lack a national health care system guaranteeing health care to all.

Bernie's bold and resourceful proposal before the Congress — HR 2530: "The National Health Care and Cost Containment Act" — slashes administrative waste by establishing a single-payer system to provide comprehensive health care to all citizens without out-of-pocket expense. "We can no longer afford to maintain 1,500 separate private health insurance companies who are wasting an estimated \$100 billion a year on bureaucracy, billing, advertising and administrative waste. That money should go into providing health care for all people," Bernie says.

Bernie understands the problem. Vermonters pay plenty of money into the health care system—it's just going in the wrong direction.

"We waste 23% of total health costs on billing, administration, and needless paperwork. Neighboring Canada, which insures every citizen, pays only 11% of its health care for these bureaucratic procedures. The excess costs amount to \$200 million per year for Vermont — enough to cover all those who are currently uninsured," says Congressman Sanders.

"The legislation I have introduced would cover every American for all necessary medical care."

"I'm a doctor and I'm voting for Bernie Sanders."



Dr. John Radebaugh
Norwich, Vt.

"I see many patients and their families who simply cannot afford to come in for the medical care that they need. It's tragic. Medical care is a right. It's not something that should be available to some people and not others, depending on their income.



Families covered under Bernie's health care plan would find no hidden payments: no deductibles, no co-payments, and no out-of-pocket costs.

Bernie's Health Care Plan would include:

- All doctor's bills
- All hospital bills
- Long term care
- Freedom to choose providers
- Prescription drugs
- Necessary health-related equipment

"There would be no hidden payments: no deductibles, no co-payments, no out-of-pocket costs," says Rep. Sanders.

Out of the dozens of health care bills introduced in Congress, Bernie's bill was rated as one of the top six by the non-partisan Congressional Research Service.

"But we've got a fight on our hands," says Bernie. The insurance companies, the pharmaceutical companies, and the medical equipment suppliers who are presently making billions in profits will resist national health care as strongly as they can."

"Bernie Sanders has been fighting for a national health care program that will serve everyone, not just those fortunate enough to have good insurance or a lot of money. We need a system that allows equal care for everyone no matter what their economic circumstances are. When people lose their jobs they should not lose their health insurance. That simply forces them to take short-cuts with their health care or to postpone seeing a doctor at the first sign of an illness.

"Bernie Sanders has the courage to fight for the health care reforms we need in this country. I hope Vermonters will re-elect him."

"Congressman Sanders has introduced what we think is the best national insurance reform for all Americans."

—Ralph Nader
Consumer Activist
Washington, DC

"Bernie Sanders talks about the issues that are most important to the elderly. He's fighting for their right to receive affordable health care, housing and income security."

—Naya Pyskacek
Director of the Coalition
of Vermont Elders (COVE)*

(*Organization listed for identification purpose only)

"We have 1500 separate insurance companies in America. According to the General Accounting Office, if we had one paying agency we'd save between \$65 – \$100 billion each year. Then we could cover people who can't afford insurance or who are underinsured," says Bernie.

Bernie Sanders is getting the job done!

Rep. Sanders urges reform of voter laws
By Matt Williams
The Vermont House of Representatives has passed a bill to reform the state's voter laws, a move that could lead to more people being able to vote.

Sanders proposes dairy price system
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The Vermont House of Representatives has passed a bill to create a dairy price system, a move that could lead to more stable prices for dairy farmers.

Sanders, Evans Address Vets' Need
By Matt Williams
Rep. Sanders and Sen. Evans addressed the needs of veterans at a hearing, discussing the challenges they face and the support they need.

Military Money Should Go To Domestic Programs, They Say
By Matt Williams
Rep. Sanders and Sen. Evans argued that military spending should be redirected towards domestic programs, such as education and healthcare.

Sanders returned 78% of mail money in '91
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Rep. Sanders returned 78% of the mail money he received in 1991, a move that has been praised for its transparency.

Sanders endorses ban on privileges
By Matt Williams
Rep. Sanders endorsed a bill that would allow only official perks, a move that has been praised for its integrity.

Sanders Proposes Cancer Registry
By Matt Williams
Rep. Sanders proposed a cancer registry, a move that has been praised for its potential to improve cancer research and treatment.

Sanders Donates His Pay Raise
By Matt Williams
Rep. Sanders donated his pay raise, a move that has been praised for its generosity.

Sanders unveils 'Vermont' health plan
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Rep. Sanders unveiled a health plan for Vermont, a move that has been praised for its focus on universal coverage.

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Increase Domestic Spending
Sanders proposes national cancer information network

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Sanders Wants Rich To Pay For Bailout Of Troubled S&Ls
By Matt Williams
Rep. Sanders wants the rich to pay for the bailout of troubled S&Ls, a move that has been praised for its fairness.

Sanders Backs National Guard, But Stands Behind Military Cuts
By Matt Williams
Rep. Sanders backs the National Guard but stands behind military cuts, a move that has been praised for its balanced approach.

Leahy, Sanders propose measures to fight breast cancer
By Matt Williams
Sen. Leahy and Rep. Sanders proposed measures to fight breast cancer, a move that has been praised for its focus on prevention and early detection.

Family Farms High On Sanders' Agenda
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Family farms are high on Rep. Sanders' agenda, a move that has been praised for its support of small businesses.

Land trusts win support in panel
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Congress acting on Sanders' priorities
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Congress is acting on Sanders' priorities, a move that has been praised for its responsiveness.

Sanders, scientist cite health concerns about carpets
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Rep. Sanders and a scientist cited health concerns about carpets, a move that has been praised for its focus on public health.

Bernie Sanders Makes Friends
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Bernie Sanders is making friends, a move that has been praised for its potential to build a coalition.

Sanders plans recycling, efficiency bills
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Rep. Sanders plans recycling and efficiency bills, a move that has been praised for its focus on environmental protection.

Sanders To Help With Lunch Grants
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Rep. Sanders is helping with lunch grants, a move that has been praised for its focus on education.

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"He is enormously well informed. I have yet to see a new member involved in so many central issues in so short a period of time - whether it's health or S&L problems - he gets out front...his intellect is second to none."

—Rep. Joe Kennedy
Washington Post
7/19/91

"There are not very many members of Congress who are willing to stick their neck out on behalf of the public interest. You can count them on your right hand, and Bernie Sanders is one of them."

—Michelle Meier
counsel for government affairs at Consumers Union,
Rutland Herald, Sept. 21, 1992

"Very few politicians really care about the working people and the senior citizens. I am retired and I appreciate his interest in national health care. Vermont needs him to continue his good work."

—Maurice Saltiel
Retired, Rutland



"Bernie represents ordinary people, not special interests. He is willing to take unpopular stands on issues important to us. He is a fighter who is not discouraged easily."

—Deborah Tewksbury
Librarian, Brattleboro

"The ideas and concepts that he has raised in the past are now the issues being debated across this nation—that's leadership."

—Scott Darling
Wildlife Biologist, Shrewsbury

"Thank you for demonstrating, in a most meaningful way, your commitment to assuring that our sick and disabled veterans, their dependents and survivors receive the benefits and services they earned while fighting for the freedom we all enjoy."

—Joseph E. Andry
National Commander
Disabled American Veterans

Bernie is standing up for Veterans.

Congressman Sanders has been fighting hard to restore all cuts made to veterans' programs under the 1990 Budget Agreement (which passed *before* Bernie took office). He introduced HR 2304, a bill to restore all of the more than \$3.6 billion in cuts scheduled over the next 5 years.

"It's unacceptable to me that the VA hospital in White River Junction cannot fully meet the needs of Vermont veterans seeking help there," Bernie says. "It's a disgrace for the President and Congress to try to balance the budget on the backs of veterans."

"We can't ask men and women to put their lives on the line in combat at the same time we're cutting back important veterans' benefits," says Bernie. "There is a sacred contract that develops between the government and the people who put their lives on the line," Bernie told Vermont veterans at their annual convention this year. "I am fighting to see that the President and Congress live up to that contract."



"Bernie Sanders has the guts to tell it like it is. He is always working for the poor, the underprivileged, and the seniors and trying to get George Bush's rich to pay their fair share."

—Donald Kimber
Pittsford, Vermont

Bernie has an impressive legislative record:

- Pro-consumer amendments added to Fair Credit Reporting Act.
- Co-sponsored Marsh-Billings National Historic Park bill.
- Banking bill amendments to preserve Home Mortgage Disclosure Act and protecting affordable housing projects.
- Co-sponsored Taconic Mountains Act (national forest expansion).
- Housing Reauthorization Act amendments on community land trusts and energy-efficient mortgage pilot program.
- Resolution Trust Corp. (RTC) bill amendment to preserve affordable housing reporting requirements for banks.

Bernie was a strong supporter of **expanding veterans' benefits**. Next year's federal budget will see:

VA medical care funding **up 8%**

VA compensation and benefits **up 4%**

Total veterans benefits **up 5%**

Bernie also proposed and sponsored HR 695 to provide income protection for National Guard and reserve members called up for Desert Storm. "The Sanders plan for reservists sounds fair..." said an editorial by *The New York Times*.

Bernie's Cancer Registries Bill will become law.

"Cancer is a terrible disease which afflicts tens of thousands of Vermont families. In fact, breast cancer has reached epidemic proportions in Vermont, which now has the 8th highest cancer mortality rate in the country," declared Bernie.

Encouraged by thousands of Vermonters, led by Joanne Rathgeb and Virginia Soffa, Bernie introduced the **Cancer Registries Amendment Act** which would establish and help fund cancer registries in every state. The bill passed in both houses of Congress, with Sen. Patrick Leahy playing a strong leadership role in the Senate, and will soon become law.

In a major article in the June 1992 issue of *Reader's Digest*, cancer specialist Dr. John H. Healey called Bernie's legislation, "the cancer weapon America needs most." If re-elected, Bernie will continue to fight for strong cancer prevention legislation so that in the future we can save people the anguish of this terrible disease.

"Cancer registries will help us attack this disease and save lives."

— Rep. Bernie Sanders



Congressman Sanders and Senator Patrick Leahy, announce the Cancer Registries legislation. At right are Rep. Connie Morella and Sen. Barbara Mikulski, both of Maryland.

Dairy farmers have a friend in Bernie Sanders.

Bernie is working with Vermont Farm Families to ensure a decent future for Vermont agriculture.

Fair Prices & Supply Management

Most Vermont dairy farmers support a two-tier milk supply management system to guarantee Vermont's dairy farmers a fair price for their milk. Bernie has sought to establish just such a system.

He's opposed to letting huge corporations import cheap dairy products from Mexico and other countries, which could wreck Vermont's dairy industry.

Pure Milk, Free of Synthetic Bovine Growth Hormones (BGH/BST)

Most farmers and consumers say "NO" to BGH and "YES" to a natural healthy milk supply. So does Bernie Sanders. He has been a leader in Congress fighting the big chemical companies' effort to push BGH onto the market.



Most Vermont dairy farmers support Congressman Sanders' two-tier milk supply management system to guarantee a fair price to Vermont dairy farmers. The plan would keep the supply of milk stable and predictable, giving farmers more reliable income.

Bernie gets high marks from environmental, women's, labor and consumer groups.

- **Pro Worker** Labor Report Card (AFL-CIO) gave a 100% rating to Bernie for standing up for the rights of workers on many important votes.
- **Pro Women** Pro-Choice Honor Roll, with 100% rating for support of reproductive freedom legislation, including the gag rule and Medicaid funding.
- **Pro Environment** 100% rating from The League of Conservation Voters. One of only 16 out of 435 House members hailed as a "hero for the environment." Bernie has also been endorsed by the Sierra Club.
- **Pro Social Justice** 100% rating from The Catholic Social Justice Lobby for support of affordable housing, family and medical leave, unemployment benefits and other issues. Bread for the World, an organization fighting hunger worldwide, rated Bernie 100%.
- **Pro Consumer** Consumer Federation of America rated Bernie in the top 3% of 435-member House for support of consumer issues. Financial Democracy Campaign, a watchdog organization, rated Bernie 100%.
- **Pro Senior** The National Council on Senior Citizens rated Bernie 100% for his defense of Medicare, Social Security, and his efforts for national health care reform.
- **Pro Farmer** The National Farmers Union honored Bernie for his defense of America's small family farms.

"If you're wondering where the grass roots are in Congress, watch what Bernie Sanders is doing. In issues like health care and dairy, he's always ahead of the pack."

—Lee Swenson
Pres., National Farmers Union

"Bernie is not afraid to speak up and tell it like it is."

—Leatha Brown
"57 years farming," Starksboro

What are the differences between Bernie Sanders and Republican Tim Philbin?

Women's Rights

Tim Philbin believes that abortion should be made illegal, **even** for cases of incest and rape.

Bernie Sanders is pro-choice and a co-sponsor of the Freedom of Choice Act which guarantees that women, not the government, should make the often-difficult choice regarding abortion.

Senior Citizens

Tim Philbin wants to **"privatize"** the Social Security system which could destroy this safety net for many Vermonters.

Bernie Sanders wants to strengthen Social Security so that senior citizens can enjoy their retirement years in dignity and security.

Tax Reform

Tim Philbin opposes any tax increase on the wealthy, even though their tax burden has **decreased** while it has **increased** for the middle class.

Bernie Sanders believes that since the richest people have become much richer while their tax burden has declined, it's only fair they should be asked to pay more in taxes so that we can lower taxes on middle income and working people.

We thought you should know!

"If my voice is one of the few to sound out in the deafening silence of a Congress intent upon ignoring the major crises of our time, then so be it. I'd rather stand for what is right than be silent because that is what is expected of members of the 'club'."

—Bernie Sanders,
Burlington Free Press 7/13/91



Dear Vermonter,

Two years ago we made history by sending the first Independent to Congress in 40 years. Since I took office, I've been fighting for these principles:

A National Health Care

System which will guarantee health care for all Americans, without out-of-pocket expense.

Reinvesting in America

to address pressing domestic needs such as education, environmental protection, affordable housing, roads and bridges, and economic development so that we can have decent paying jobs for Vermonters.

Tax Reform which will, finally, ask the rich to start paying their share of taxes.

Saving Vermont jobs

by fighting the current free trade agreement which will ship even more Vermont jobs overseas.

Protection of our Family

Farms with a two-tier supply management system.

A new National Energy Policy

based on conservation and the utilization of renewable resources.

A foreign policy which is based on peaceful resolution of international conflict — not military force.

Strong support for women's

rights, including the right to choose whether or not to have an abortion.

I need your help on election day. With your support I'll keep fighting for a brighter future for America and Vermont.

Bernie Sanders
—Rep. Bernie Sanders

Bernie and Jane Sanders (middle) with their children, Levi, David, Carina and Heather



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