

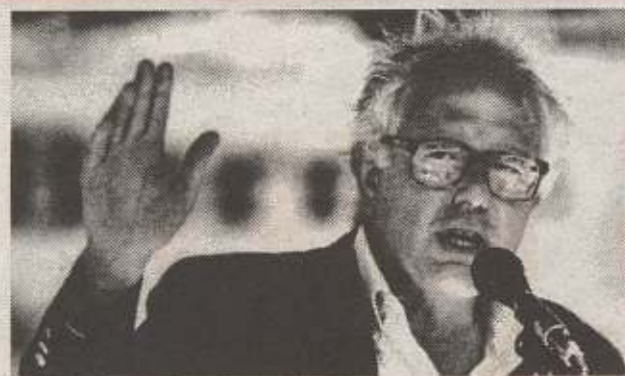
**LET'S KEEP
A REAL
FIGHTER IN
CONGRESS!**

**Bernie's working
for us...**

- For decent-paying jobs
- For lower taxes on working people
- To protect Social Security & Medicare
- To save the family farm
- For women's rights
- For National Health Care

LET'S RE-ELECT BERNIE SANDERS
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Here are some key issues. Which side are you on?

CONGRESSMAN BERNIE SANDERS

Bernie Sanders introduced legislation to raise the minimum wage from \$4.25 to \$5.50 an hour. His bill, HR 692, now has 50 co-sponsors. "It's simply not right that people who work for forty hours a week still live in poverty," says Bernie.

Bernie is a national leader in the fight to create a comprehensive, single-payer health care program that would cover everyone with no-out-of-pocket expenses. Studies at both the national and state level show that single payer is, far and away, the most cost-effective way to provide universal health care.

Bernie has supported tax reform that calls on the wealthy to pay their fair share, so that we can lower taxes on the middle income and working people. He was successful in working for the passage of a major expansion of the Earned Income Tax Credit. This will help 26,000 Vermont families who earned less than \$28,000 a year to save money on their federal income tax.

Bernie is opposed to "means-testing" of Social Security benefits. He knows the strength of Social Security is that everyone contributes when they are working and everyone gets his/her benefits when they retire. *The National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare* says that "means testing Social Security would turn it into another welfare program."

Bernie has had a 100% rating from the League of Conservation Voters and has won the endorsement of the Sierra Club. He has helped write successful legislation on indoor air quality and energy-efficient mortgages and was the first Congressman to call for the shutdown of the Yankee Rowe nuclear reactor which is now permanently closed.

Bernie has been fighting hard for workers and the middle class, for family farmers, for veterans, for senior citizens, for women, for children and for the environment. He is fighting to change national priorities so that government works for all the people, and not just the wealthy and the powerful. Bernie has brought thousands of Vermonters into the political process.

ISSUES



RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE



HEALTH CARE FOR ALL



FIGHTING FOR FAIR TAXES



MAINTAINING SOCIAL SECURITY



PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

MORE POLITICAL GRIDLOCK?

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR U.S. HOUSE JOHN CARROLL

In 1994 State Senator John Carroll voted against a \$.50 increase in the minimum wage. Later, he voted against a \$.25 increase in the minimum wage. As Republican Majority Leader in the State Senate, Mr. Carroll stated: "I do not support a minimum wage increase and I'm going to do my best to see it doesn't come to the floor."

In 1994 Senator Carroll proposed a health care plan that would mandate that every Vermonter be forced to purchase health insurance--whether or not he or she could afford it. The result would have been inadequate health insurance for thousands of Vermonters--at a cost that many of them could not afford.

Senator Carroll helped lead the effort to lower taxes on the wealthy, cut programs for the poor, and raise taxes on working people. *The Rutland Herald* (5/19/94) called his party's property tax reform bill "a mockery of property tax reform, insulting to Vermont taxpayers and to those who have worked hard for months to resolve the real problems of education finance."

Senator Carroll has recently endorsed the concept of "means-testing" for Social Security recipients to help reduce the federal deficit. Though only a small percentage of recipients would have their benefits reduced now, once means-testing begins it opens the door to future efforts to affect more and more senior citizens.

John Carroll led the effort to reject three Environmental Board members before even holding a hearing on their performance. A Senator from his home county called the bitter proceedings a "shameful episode" in the history of the Vermont Senate.

As majority leader of the Vermont Senate, John Carroll helped to bring us the longest and most expensive legislature in modern Vermont history. *The Valley News* (6/1/94) states that Carroll's "record as Republican Leader in the VT Senate is relavent to running for Congress, and the legislative failure to get much accomplished this year can plausibly be laid, at least in part, at his doorstep."

Vermonters Trust Bernie Sanders



"Some people thought Bernie wouldn't be effective or wouldn't be able to open doors and get things done in Washington. He's put those folks to shame."

—Rep. Bobby Starr, D-Troy, Chair of Vt. House Agriculture Committee*

"Bernie Sanders knows that the only true test of an economy is how it treats all of its citizens, not just those at the top."

—Tom Belville, executive director of the AFL-CIO of Vermont*



"Fuel assistance, housing, Social Security, Medicare... Bernie Sanders has stood up for Seniors. When it's time to vote you have to remember who has helped you."

—Evelyn Davis, Coalition of Vermont Elders*



"Bernie Sanders has served us well in Washington. People trust him; he is incapable of pretense and people know that. His opponent over the years has tried to be all things to all people."

—Dick McCormick, Vermont State Senator, Windsor County*



"Bernie's been a strong supporter of labelling milk containing BGH and in contrast his opponent supported a position put forth by the Monsanto Company."

—Sally Conrad, former Vermont State Senator, Chittenden County



"I supported Bernie in the past and I'm happy to do it again. We are losing the middle class in our society, with more and more people slipping into poverty. Bernie Sanders is fighting for the average citizen. He did it as Mayor of Burlington, and he's doing it in Washington."

—Phil Hoff, former Governor of Vt. and Chittenden Co. State Senator.



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The N.R.A. is now working against Bernie Sanders. Here's what the NRA won't tell you...

Dear Fellow Vermonter,

Because of my vote for the Crime Bill which included a ban on certain types of assault weapons, the National Rifle Association (NRA) has targeted me for defeat in the November 8 election.

Vermonters on both sides of this issue feel strongly about it, and discussing the merits of it here won't change anyone's mind. But it is important to me that Vermonters know that I have been honest with them.



The simple truth is that I have kept my promises to Vermont sportsmen and women. Since my first Congressional campaign in 1988, I have said that I supported a ban on certain types of semi-automatic assault weapons. I kept my word. Vermonters should demand no less of their elected officials.

I've also kept my word on a number of other issues of importance to Vermonters. I've fought for the interests of the working people of our state, from the CV RAIL workers in St. Albans to the Johnson Control workers in Bennington. And I've fought against cuts in Social Security and veteran's benefits and pushed for cuts to wasteful projects such as the Super Collider and Star Wars instead.

I have stood up against corporate interests like Monsanto which has spent over \$500 million to introduce synthetic BGH into the dairy industry, a move that could put hundreds more Vermont dairy farms out of business.

I will continue to speak out for health care as a right of all people, not as a privilege for only those who can afford good health insurance. I will continue to build support for my legislation to increase the minimum wage.

I am very grateful to have represented you during the last four years. I'm proud of what I've accomplished in Congress as Vermont's Representative, but much more needs to be done.

Together, we can build a nation of economic opportunity, justice, and dignity for all our citizens.

Sincerely,

Rep. Bernard Sanders

VOTE BERNIE SANDERS FOR U.S. CONGRESS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH