

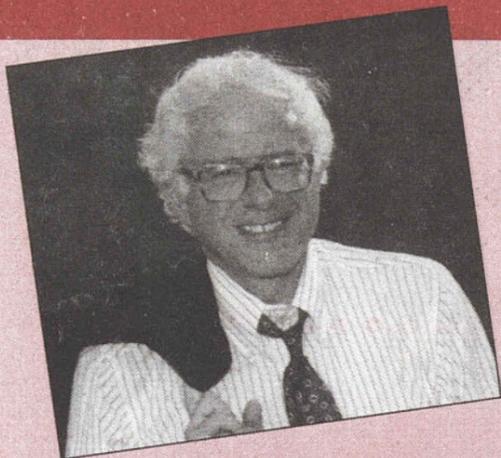
**Until
the Cows
Come Home...**



**...Bernie Sanders
Will Fight for
working families
and
the middle class.**



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Dear Fellow Vermonter:

When I was elected to the U.S. Congress as the only Independent, I promised you that I would stand up to the Big Money interests which dominate much of our political and economic life and fight for the middle class and working families of Vermont. And that's what I've done.

As Chairman of the 52-member House Progressive Caucus, I have helped lead the opposition in Congress against the radical right-wing leadership of Newt Gingrich and Dick Armey. I have fought their efforts to:

- cut \$270 billion from Medicare, causing premiums to double
- cut \$162 billion from Medicaid, leaving tens of thousands of Vermont children without adequate health care
- cut \$32 billion from Veterans' programs, abandoning those who made great sacrifices to protect America
- cut \$10 billion in student loans, making it harder for middle class families to send their kids to college
- eliminate all funding for the LIHEAP fuel assistance program, public television, and the National Endowment for the Arts
- gut successful environmental legislation which protects clean air, clean water, wildlife habitats and forests

What's even worse, after proposing these disastrous cuts, Gingrich and his friends wanted to provide \$245 billion in tax breaks, much of it going to the richest people in America and the largest corporations. THAT'S WRONG. And that's why I fought so hard against this absurd set of priorities.

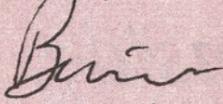
We can and should move this country toward a balanced budget, but it should not be balanced on the backs of the weakest and most vulnerable people in our society.

The United States is a great country, but there is something wrong when the richest people become richer, while the middle class continues to shrink – and thousands of Vermonters have to work 60 or 70 hours a week to provide for their families.

There is something wrong when corporate CEOs, who earn 200 times what their workers make, throw American workers out on the street and take our jobs to Third World countries like China or Mexico. There is something wrong when 80 million Americans lack adequate health insurance, and hugely profitable insurance companies and HMOs deny patients the kind of health care they need.

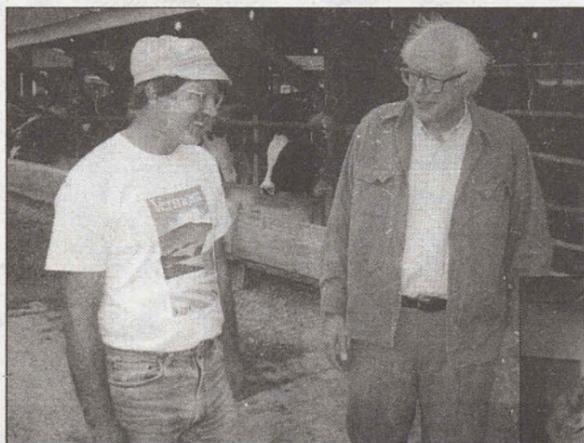
As the only Independent in Congress, I will continue to help lead the fight against Newt Gingrich and the Republican leadership and their terrible priorities. I will also oppose President Clinton and the Democrats when they are wrong. That's what Vermonters sent me to Congress to do and, with your help, that's what I'll keep doing.

Sincerely,


Bernie Sanders

Here are

1. His legislation created the National Cancer Registry Act, which now plays a vital role in fighting cancer.
2. He is a leader in the fight for women's rights, and passed legislation which prevents health insurance discrimination against battered women.
3. Along with Senators Leahy and Jeffords, he successfully passed the Northeast Dairy Compact which will provide Vermont farmers a fair price for their milk.

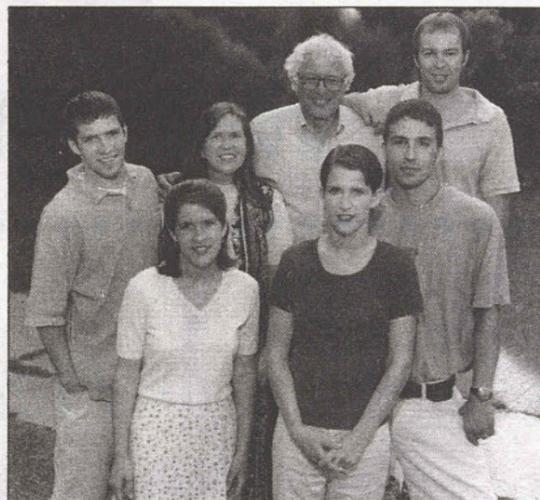


4. He has been a leader in the fight against "corporate welfare" and his legislation in this area has saved taxpayers millions of dollars.

5. He has a 100 percent voting record for the environment, and fought hard against efforts to weaken our environmental legislation.

6. He worked hard to protect veterans' rights, and to make certain that we do not balance the budget on the backs of those who put their lives on the line defending this country.

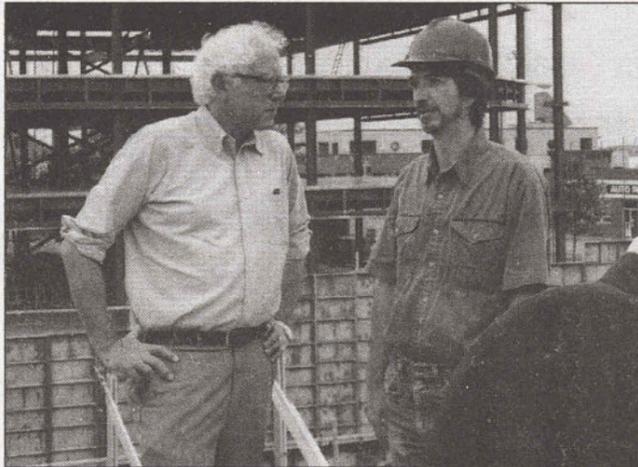
7. He has a 100 percent voting record for senior citizens, and led the effort in Congress to protect LIHEAP, the fuel assistance program so important to Vermonters.



10 Reasons to Re-Elect Bernie Sanders

8. He is continuing the fight to make certain that all Americans have access to health care as a right — including alternative health care treatments.

9. He helped protect Vermont workers by leading the successful effort to raise the minimum wage.

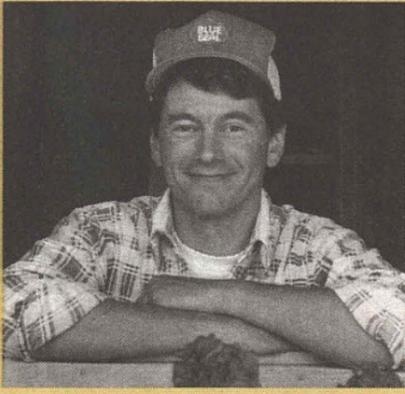


10. He helped to pass \$4.9 billion in tax breaks for small businesses by eliminating a tax loophole for multinational corporations.



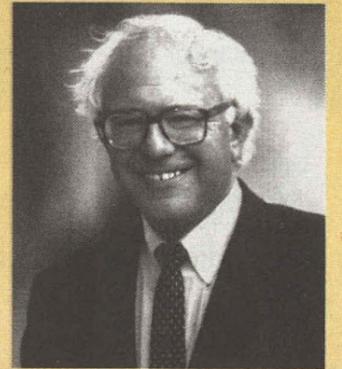
Compare the Record

<i>Congressman Bernie Sanders</i>	<i>State Senator Susan Sweetser</i>
As Chairman of the 52 member House Progressive Caucus, he helped lead the effort against Speaker Newt Gingrich.	She has stated publicly that, if elected, she would vote for Mr. Gingrich as Speaker of the House.
He vigorously opposed the Republican budget which contained massive cuts in Medicare, Medicaid, education, environmental protection, and veteran's needs.	She has publicly stated that she would have supported the Republican budget.
He is a strong environmentalist, was endorsed by the Sierra Club, and has a 100% voting record for the environment from the League of Conservation Voters.	She has a zero (0%) voting record on key environmental legislation as rated by the Vermont Public Interest Research Group.
He led the effort to raise the minimum wage.	She twice voted against the minimum wage increase as a state senator.
He supported police officers all across the country and voted for the ban on certain assault weapons.	She supports repealing the ban on certain assault weapons.
He successfully opposed Gingrich's efforts to eliminate funding for public television.	She led the effort in Montpelier to wipe out state funding for Vermont ETV.



Mac Parker's* Top 10 Reasons To Re-Elect

Congressman Bernie Sanders



- 10** Bernie's a hard worker for Vermont. Who says you can't get good help these days?
- 9** Newt Gingrich *doesn't* want us to re-elect Bernie.
- 8** Bernie is fair-minded; he doesn't believe it's right for large corporations and the wealthiest citizens to get tax breaks and special privileges the rest of us don't.
- 7** He may not have milked a lot of cows in his life, but Bernie's a good friend to Vermont's small farmers. The Dairy Compact to help milk prices is just one example.
- 6** Bernie has big dreams...like every Vermonter having affordable health care as a right of citizenship.
- 5** He fights to make those dreams come true.
- 4** Bernie has a bad case of common sense, like believing it's better to prevent pollution than to spend billions cleaning it up.
- 3** Bernie isn't lying about his opponent's record, or slinging any mud.
- 2** He really means what he says, and he does what he says he'll do.
- 1** Maybe most of all, Bernie stands up for average folks. Always has. Always will.



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