# The Choice is Clear! Bernie '96

# Independent for Congress

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## What Vermonters are saying about Bernie:

• Sally Conrad, Former State Senator, Chittenden County:

"Bernie has led the effort for sane priorities in Congress. He has stood up to wealthy special interests, protecting families, the elderly, children and the sick. We need to send Bernie back to Congress."

• State Rep. Bobby Starr, Orleans County:

"Bernie Sanders is a real fighter for the Vermont family farmer. Working with Senators Leahy and Jeffords, he helped lead the effort to pass the Northeast Dairy Compact, which will be a real help to our farmers."

• State Senator Peter Schumlin, Windham County: "The last thing Vermont wants to do is give Congress another Republican soldier for Newt Gingrich. Bernie is leading the effort against Gingrich's destructive policies, and Vermonters should support him."

• Ron Pickering, President, Vermont AFL-CIO:

"Bernie Sanders has, perhaps, the strongest pro-worker record in the U. S. Congress. He has led the effort to raise the minimum wage, and to create decent-paying jobs for Vermonters."

• Bob Hoffman, Caledonia County:

"As a life-long hunter and trapper, I appreciate Bernie's support on sportsmen's and environmental issues"

Marian Gray, Co-president,
Older Women's League of Vermont, Montpelier:

"At a time when many Vermont senior citizens are frightened about drastic cuts in Medicare,. Medicaid and other programs which affect them, we're glad that Bernie is in Washington fighting for us. We need to keep him there."

• Jeffrey B. Hatch, USN Ret., Rutland County:

"As a Republican and a veteran's advocate, I'm proud to support Bernie Sanders. He understands that it is wrong to turn our backs and cut programs for the veterans of this country who have put their lives on the line to defend America."

Organizations listed for identification purposes only.



What this election is about is whether Newt Gingrich, Dick Armey and the Republican Party are going to have another two years to push through the most reactionary, extremist agenda in the modern history of Americaor whether we stop them cold right now and tell them that greed, bigotry and scapegoating are not what America is all about. This is the most important election in our lifetimes, an election in which the choices have never been clearer.

-Bernie Sanders, Announcement Speech, Burlington, Vermont 5/28/96



### Dear Fellow Vermonters:

Newt Gingrich and the Republican Congress want to slash Medicare, Medicaid, education, college loans, environmental protection, veterans programs, worker safety, the earned income tax credit and many other programs, so they can provide huge tax breaks to the rich, increase military spending, and protect \$125 billion a year in corporate welfare.

As Chairman of the 52-member House Progressive Caucus, I've led the opposition to these destructive and extremist policies. Vermonters want and need saner priorities.

*I would very much appreciate your support for re-election.* 

Sincerely yours,

Bernard Sanders, U.S. Congressman

## As the only Independent in Congress, Bernie has drafted and passed legislation to...

Create and fund the *National Cancer Registry Act,* which is now playing a vital role in fighting cancer.

Save billions of dollars in "corporate welfare" by ending taxpayer-funded
CEO bonuses and "payoffs for layoffs" to merging defense contractors.

• Pay for \$4.9 billion in Small Business Initiatives by eliminating a tax break for large corporations overseas.

**W**...**Restore funding for LIHEAP**, the fuel assistance program so important to Vermont senior citizens.

**W**...**Stop discrimination against battered women** in housing and insurance coverage.

**V**...Increase funding for *affordable housing and weatherization programs*.

Limit taxpayer liability for the\$50 billion Mexican Peso Bailout.

• Save the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

• Create the Small State Minimum Grant for **Chapter 1 and Special Education**.

Restore funding forThe Veterans' Court of Appeals

Bernie Sanders has brought Vermont common sense to our nation's capital. He led the successful effort in the House to raise the minimum wage...

and to pass the Northeast Dairy Compact. He has introduced legislation on health care, environmental protection, veterans' benefits, consumer issues, civil liberties and labor law. He has worked hard with other members to prevent massive cuts in student financial aid and basic education programs and to restore the interest deferral on student loans.

### Bernie's opposition to the GOP agenda has been effective.

Recent newspaper articles note that the National Republican Party has "targeted" this race, placing Bernie at the top of their "hit list" for defeat in November.

The Republican Congressional Campaign Committee Chairman came to Vermont and publicly promised Bernie's opponent \$153,000. Dick Armey, the extreme-rightwing Republican Majority Leader, also came to Vermont to raise money for Bernie's opponent.

The Republicans will spend a huge amount of money telling Vermonters that Bernie is "ineffective and can't get anything done." If that were true, they wouldn't be spending so much time, effort and money to defeat him.