

POLITICAL ENDORSEMENTS '06

It's that time again! On November 7th, we can choose the status quo or we can level the playing field for policyholders.

Policyholders of America ("POA") only endorses candidates who have a proven to have the guts to buck the powerful insurance lobby and who've demonstrated an eagerness to champion the rights of policyholders.

During the last few years, POA's main concerns have been threefold:

- Skyrocketing insurance rates (premiums);
- Cancellation of policies and/or non-renewals and availability of insurance policies to meet demand (allowing companies to easily bail out of markets after severe weather), and
- Allowing insurers to practice bad faith (wrongful denials and low-balling of claims) without severe punishments.

As each POA member knows, insurance company PACs and executives funnel enormous sums of money into political campaigns and for their investment, the benefactor grants the insurance industry its wishlist by passing or enabling legislation harmful to policyholders.

POA factored many things into these endorsements: track record and/or positions of the candidate, track record of the opponent(s), member recommendations, campaign contributions linked to insurance industry interests and the candidate's understanding of insurance issues that are of import to our members. It should be noted that POA is nonpartisan.

Below you will find a list of candidates endorsed by POA, listed by state.

ALABAMA:

Governor: Lucy Baxley
Attorney General: John Tyson, Jr.
State Senator: Russ Parker
Court of Civil Appeals: Ray Vaughan

ALASKA:

US House: Diane Benson
Governor: Tony Knowles

ARIZONA:

US Senate: Jim Pederson
Governor: Janet Napolitano
Attorney General: Terry Goddard

ARKANSAS:

US House: Marion Berry
Governor: Mike Beebe
Lt. Governor: Bill Halter

CALIFORNIA:

US Senate: Dianne Feinstein
Governor: Phil Angelides
Lt. Governor: John Garamendi
Attorney General: Jerry Brown
Insurance Commissioner: Cruz Bustamante

COLORADO:

Governor: Bill Ritter

CONNECTICUT:

US Senate: Ned Lamont
Governor: John DeStafano

DELAWARE:

US Senate: Tom Carper
US House: Dennis Spivack

FLORIDA:

US Senate: Bill Nelson
Governor: Jim Davis
Chief Financial Officer: Alex Sink

GEORGIA:

Governor: Mark Taylor
Insurance Commissioner: Guy Drexinger

HAWAII:

US Senate: Daniel Akaka
Governor: Randy Iwase

IDAHO:

Governor: Jerry Brady

ILLINOIS:

Governor: Rod Blagojevich
Lt. Governor: Pat Quinn

INDIANA:

No endorsements at this time

IOWA:

Governor: Chet Culver

KANSAS:

Governor: Kathleen Sebelius
Insurance Commissioner: Bonnie Sharp

KENTUCKY:

US House: Tom Barlow
State House: Linda Klembara

LOUISIANA:

No endorsements at this time.

MAINE:

US Senate: Jean Hay Bright
US House: Mike Michaud

Governor: John Baldacci

MARYLAND:

US Senate: Ben Cardin
US House: AJ Duck
Governor: Martin O'Malley

MASSACHUSETTS:

Governor: Deval Patrick
Lt. Governor: Tim Murray

MICHIGAN:

Governor: Jennifer Granholm
Attorney General: Amos Williams

MINNESOTA:

US Senate: Amy Klobuchar
US House: Coleen Rowley, Patty Wetterling

Governor: Mike Hatch

MISSISSIPPI:

US Senate: Erik Fleming
US House: Gene Taylor

MISSOURI:

US Senate: Claire McCaskill
US House: Sara Jo Shettles,
Governor: Jay Nixon

MONTANA:

US Senate: Jon Tester
US House: Monica Lindeen

NEBRASKA:

US Senate: Ben Nelson
Governor: David Hahn

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NEVADA:

US Senate: Jack Carter
US House: Jill Derby
Governor: Dina Titus
Lt. Governor: Bob Unger

NEW HAMPSHIRE:

US House: Carol Shea-Porter
Governor: John Lynch

NEW JERSEY:

US Senate: Bob Menendez
US House: Rich Sexton, Viola Thomas-Hughes

NEW MEXICO:

US Senate: Jeff Bingaman
US House: Al Kissling

NEW YORK:

US House: Jack Davis

NORTH CAROLINA:

US House: Roger Sharpe, Bill Glass, Craig Weber
NC Supreme Court: Judge Robin Hudson
NC Court of Appeals: Judge Robert Hunter

NORTH DAKOTA:

US Senate: Kent Conrad
US House: Earl Pomeroy

OHIO:

US Senate: Sherrod Brown
Governor: Ted Strickland
Attorney General: Marc Dann
OH Supreme Court: Judge Bill O'Neill

OKLAHOMA:

US House: Sue Barton
Governor: Brad Henry
Lt. Governor: Jari Askins
Insurance Commissioner: Kim Holland

OREGON:

Governor: Ted Kulongoski.

PENNSYLVANIA:

US Senate: Bob Casey
US House: Lois Murphy, Patrick Murphy, Phil Aвило
Governor: Ed Rendell

RHODE ISLAND:

US Senate: Sheldon Whitehouse
US House: Jim Langevin, Patrick Kennedy

Governor: Charlie Fogarty

SOUTH CAROLINA:

Governor: Tommy Moore
Lt. Governor: Robert Barber

SOUTH DAKOTA:

US House: Stephanie Herseth
Governor: Jack Billion

TENNESSEE:

US Senate: Harold Ford
Governor: Phil Bredesen

TEXAS:

US House: Dan Dodd, Glenn Melancon, Jim Henley, Shane Sklar, Nick Lampson, Lloyd Doggett
Governor: Carole Strayhorn
Attorney General: David Van Os
TX Supreme Court: William "Bill" Moody

Court of Appeals: (1) Jim Sharp;
(3) Diane Henson, Bree Buchanan;
(4) Dan Pozza

Court of Criminal Appeals: Terry Keel

UTAH:

US House: Jim Matheson, Christian Burrige

VERMONT:

US Senate: Bernie Sanders
US House: Peter Welch
Governor: Scudder Parker

VIRGINIA:

US Senate: Jim Webb
US House: Phil Kellam, Jim Moran, Andrew Hurst

WASHINGTON:

US Senate: Marie Cantwell
US House: Brian Baird, Darcy Burner,

WEST VIRGINIA:

US House: Alan Mollohan, Mike Callaghan

WISCONSIN:

US House: Tammy Baldwin, Steve Kagen, Nancy Nusbaum, Dave Obey

Governor: Jim Doyle

Attorney General: Kathleen Falk

WYOMING:

US Senator: Dale Groustage
US House: Gary Trauner

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www.policyholdersofamerica.org/poa_endorsements.htm

