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Blue Dog Candidate Update!

Congratulations to Jeff Van Drew (NJ-2), our latest Blue Dog-endorsed candidate to be added to Red to Blue! Read more about Dr. Van Drew and all that his campaign is doing at <https://www.vandrewforcongress.com/>.

Like Dr. Van Drew, our Blue Dog-endorsed candidates truly represent the best America has to offer. Not only are they making great strides in their respective campaigns, but they are also the type of candidates that can win – AND KEEP – these districts for many years to come. Below are some recent highlights so that you are up-to-date on all that they are doing.

As always, to get involved or learn more about Blue Dog endorsed candidate program, contact Molly Allen at molly@mollyallenassociates.com or Hannah Bruce at hannah@mollyallenassociates.com or (202) 827-8200.

Anthony Brindisi (NY-22)

RATING UPDATE! [Cook](#) and [CNN](#) recently moved Brindisi to a "tossup."

A recent report also shows that U.S. Rep. Claudia Tenney is struggling to raise money for her 2018 election campaign against State Assemblyman Anthony Brindisi in what is expected to be one of the most competitive House races in the nation. Read more here: http://www.syracuse.com/politics/index.ssf/2018/01/rep_claudia_tenney_struggles_to_raise_money_for_2018_battle_with_brindisi.html

Gretchen Driskell (MI-07)

Driskell announced two major endorsements last week: [the Michigan Education Association](#) and UNITE HERE Local 24. Driskell is focused on apprenticeship programs and vocational education and recently visited the Apprenticeship Training Facility of Iron Workers Local 25.

Following are two recent statements from Driskell:

[Driskell Statement on Great Lakes Restoration Funding](#)
[Driskell Statement on Commerce Department Decision to Help U.S. Steel and Aluminum Manufacturing](#)

Jim Gray (KY-05)

Mayor Gray kicked off his campaign on December 5th with a four-day tour of the district, talking to voters and elected officials in all of the district's 19 counties ([watch the video here](#)). Over the next three weeks, during the middle of the holidays, Jim raised nearly \$350,000 to close out the fourth quarter. Since, he's been both raising money and reaching out to voters - back in eight counties at multiple events - and taking care of his duties at city hall. Jim is running like he's 10 points behind even though polls say he's already ahead of incumbent Andy Barr.

Roger Dean Huffstetler (VA-05)

Roger Dean has been traveling the district, recruiting delegates to the 5th District Convention. When not on the road, he has been spending time with his new daughter: <https://twitter.com/rdhjr/status/963443488095383552>

Brendan Kelly (IL-12)

RATING UPDATE! The Cook Political Report moves Kelly's race from Leans R to Toss Up!

These past four weeks have been filled with some major momentum changes for Kelly. In addition to the rating increase, two weeks ago the Kelly campaign found out they had outraced the Republican incumbent for the second quarter in a row. Things are heading in the right direction, but that doesn't mean Brendan will let up. He will be running hard until the last votes are cast in November.

Conor Lamb (PA-18)

A new Monmouth poll released last week showed Conor within three points: <http://www.post-gazette.com/news/politics-local/2018/02/15/rick-saccone-conor-lamb-special-election-district-18-congress-pennsylvania/stories/201802150135>

Also, the first debate of the campaign was held this week. Watch the video here: <http://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2018/02/19/pennsylvania-special-election-first-debate/>

Max Rose (NY-11)

Coverage update!

Democratic candidate for Congress Max Rose joined Errol Louis to talk about his campaign and plans to unseat current Rep. Dan Donovan. Watch here: <http://www.ny1.com/nyc/bronx/politics/2018/02/08/democratic-candidate-congress-max-rose-talks-campaign-staten-island-seat>

The New York Post also profiles Rose here: <https://nypost.com/2018/01/27/purple-heart-vet-sets-sights-on-nycs-most-conservative-district/>

Blue Dog Endorsed Candidates on DCCC's Red to Blue Program:

Brad Ashford (NE-02)

Anthony Brindisi (NY22)

Paul Davis (KS-02)

Brendan Kelly (IL-12)

Ben McAdams (UT-04)

Dan McCready (NC-09)

Max Rose (NY-11)

Jeff Van Drew (NJ-2)