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### **ANA-PAC 2008 ELECTION ACTION**

**SILVER SPRING, MD** – The American Nurses Association (ANA) and ANA’s Political Action Committee (ANA-PAC) are working to ensure the voice of the nurse is heard on Capitol Hill. Each election cycle, ANA-PAC endorses candidates who will best serve the interests of nurses and their patients. This year, in addition to our presidential endorsement, ANA-PAC has endorsed 100 candidates for the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. ANA-PAC chooses these candidates; incumbents and challengers, Democrats, Republicans, and Independents by examining their records and their support for nursing and health care issues.

“Registered nurses represent the country’s largest group of health care professionals. We will use our power in the voting booth to ensure real change. ANA supports candidates committed to health care reform that brings high quality, affordable accessible care to all. We support those candidates who recognize nursing’s role in the delivery of care and the importance of educating, recruiting and retaining, RNs,” said ANA-PAC President Sara Jarrett, RN, MS, MA, EdD.

ANA-PAC makes their decisions through candidate interviews, communicating with the CMAs, gathering information on the campaign, and assessing a candidate’s voting record on ANA priority issues. For more information on ANA-PAC’s endorsement process please visit, <http://www.nursingworld.org/MainMenuCategories/ANAPoliticalPower/ANAPAC/EndorsementProcess.aspx> .

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## **ANA Election Update/ Page 2 . . .**

ANA-PAC Endorsements are making a difference. During the 2005-2006 election cycle, ANA-PAC endorsed 112 candidates for federal office. Out of the 112 candidates who were endorsed, 100 won, 10 lost, 1 withdrew. This 89% win rate represents ANA's highest ever.

The American Nurses Association (ANA) has endorsed a candidate in each presidential election since 1984. The American Nurses Association Political Action Committee, ANA-PAC, was established to promote the improvement of the health care system in the United States by raising funds from CMA (Constituent Member Associations) members and contributing them to support worthy candidates for federal office who have demonstrated their belief in the legislative and regulatory agenda of the American Nurses Association.

### **2007-2008 ANA-PAC Endorsements**

Parker Griffith, D-AL-05, Challenger  
Lynn Woolsey, D-CA-06, Incumbent  
Nancy Pelosi, D-CA-08, Incumbent  
Jerry McNerney, D-CA-11, Incumbent  
Jackie Speier, D-CA-12, Incumbent  
Pete Stark, D-CA-13, Incumbent  
Lois Capps, D-CA-23, Incumbent  
Henry Waxman, D-CA-30, Incumbent  
Hilda Solis, D-CA-32, Incumbent  
Lucille Roybal-Allard, D-CA-34, Incumbent  
Bob Filner, D-CA-51, Incumbent  
Mark Udall, D-CO-Senate, Challenger  
Joan Fitz-Gerald, D-CO-02, Challenger (Lost Primary)  
Betsy Markey, D-CO-04, Challenger  
Ed Perlmutter, D-CO-07, Incumbent  
Joe Courtney, D-CT-02, Incumbent  
Chris Shays, R-CT-04, Incumbent  
Ginny Brown-Waite, R-FL-05, Incumbent  
Christine Jennings, D-FL-13, Challenger  
Burt Saunders, I-FL-14, Challenger  
Joe Garcia, D-FL-25, Challenger  
Jim Martin, D-GA-Senate, Challenger  
Sanford Bishop, Jr., D-GA-02, Incumbent  
John Lewis, D-GA-05, Incumbent  
Richard Durbin, D-IL-Senate, Incumbent  
Rahm Emanuel, D-IL-05, Incumbent  
Danny Davis, D-IL-07, Incumbent  
Jan Schakowsky, D-IL-09, Incumbent  
Mark Kirk, R-IL-10, Incumbent  
Debbie Halvorson, D-IL-11, Challenger  
Phil Hare, D-IL-17, Incumbent

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Bruce Braley, D-IA-01, Incumbent  
Dave Loebsack, D-IA-02, Incumbent  
Leonard Boswell, D-IA-03, Incumbent  
Tom Harkin, D-IA-Senate, Incumbent  
Dennis Moore, D-KS-03, Incumbent  
John Kerry, D-MA-Senate, Incumbent  
John Olver, D-MA-01, Incumbent  
Richard Neal, D-MA-02, Incumbent  
Dale Kildee, D-MI-05, Incumbent  
Sander Levin - D-MI-12 - Incumbent  
Mark Schauer, D-MI-07, Challenger  
Gary Peters, D-MI-09, Challenger  
John Conyers, D-MI-14, Incumbent  
John Dingell, D-MI-15, Incumbent  
Kay Barnes, D-MO-06, Challenger  
Judy Baker, D-MO-09, Challenger  
Tim Walz, D-MN-01, Incumbent  
Ashwin Madia, D-MN-03, Challenger  
Betty McCollum, D-MN-04, Incumbent  
Keith Ellison, D-MN-05, Incumbent  
Max Baucus, D-MT-Senate, Incumbent  
Earl Pomeroy, D-ND-At Large, Incumbent  
Jeanne Shaheen, D-NH-Senate, Challenger  
Frank Lautenberg, D-NJ-Senate, Incumbent  
Frank LoBiondo, R-NJ-02, Incumbent  
John Adler, D-NJ-03, Challenger  
Chris Smith, R-NJ-04, Incumbent  
Frank Pallone, D-NJ-06, Incumbent  
Donald Payne, D-NJ-10, Incumbent  
Rush Holt, D-NJ-12, Incumbent  
Tim Bishop, D-NY-01, Incumbent  
Carolyn McCarthy, D-NY-04, Incumbent  
Carolyn Maloney, D-NY-14, Incumbent  
Charles Rangel, D-NY-15, Incumbent  
Kirsten Gillibrand, D-NY-20, Incumbent  
Maurice Hinchey, D-NY-22, Incumbent  
Michael Arcuri, D-NY-24, Incumbent  
Dan Maffei, D-NY-25, Challenger  
Eric Massa, D-NY-29, Challenger  
Steve Driehaus, D-OH-01, Challenger  
Dennis Kucinich, D-OH-10, Incumbent  
Pat Tiberi, R-OH-12, Incumbent  
Betty Sutton, D-OH-13, Incumbent  
Steven LaTourette, R-OH-14, Incumbent  
Mary Jo Kilroy, D-OH-15, Challenger  
Tim Ryan, D-OH-17, Incumbent  
Earl Blumenauer, D-OR-03, Incumbent  
Kurt Schrader, D-OR-05, Challenger

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Jeff Merkley, D-OR-Senate, Challenger  
Robert Brady, D-PA-01, Incumbent  
Phil English, R-PA-03, Incumbent  
Patrick Murphy, D-PA-08, Incumbent  
Chris Carney, D-PA-10, Incumbent  
Allyson Schwartz, D-PA-13, Incumbent  
Joe Sestak, D-PA-17, Incumbent  
Jack Reed, D-RI-Senate, Incumbent  
Patrick Kennedy, D-RI-01, Incumbent  
James Langevin, D-RI-02, Incumbent  
Tim Johnson, D-SD-Senate, Incumbent  
Stephanie Herseth Sandlin, D-SD-AL, Incumbent  
Bart Gordon, D-TN-02, Incumbent  
Al Green, D-TX-09, Incumbent  
Nick Lampson, D-TX-22, Incumbent  
Eddie Bernice Johnson, D-TX-30, Incumbent  
Gerry Connolly, D-VA-11, Challenger  
Dave Reichert, R-WA-08, Incumbent  
Tammy Baldwin, D-WI-02, Incumbent  
Ron Kind, D-WI-03, Incumbent  
Gwen Moore, D-WI-04, Incumbent  
Dave Obey, D-WI-07, Incumbent

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