The New York & Chicago Political Action Team Recommendations

We are still convinced that the Democrats can take back the House and that the critical races in key Congressional Districts can bring out voters that can help Biden win in swing States.

Curtis Hertel, Jr. MI-07: An open seat that was held by Slotkin. It was a Trump+ CD in ’16 and in ’20. Elissa Slotkin won this key Michigan seat with 51.7% of the vote in ’22 for her third term. She Is running for the Senate this year. Hertel is a well-known 3- term State Senator in MI. His father was the Speaker of the MI House. His State Senate District is about one-third of the 7th CD in which Lansing is the largest city. He has been known as a successful negotiator across the aisle for legislation in the State. In 2023, he was the key Legislative Aide to the Governor. Michigan is an important swing state again in Nov. Hertel’s campaign is well organized with experienced staff.

Susan Wild PA-07: She again will have a very close race in key “Swing State”. And, PA-07 is an expensive Advertising market. She is running for her fourth term. She WON in 2022 by 2.0%, 5,800 votes. The CD lines were last changed in March 2022. She first won the seat in 2018. Her opponent in the prior two elections is not running. However, the GOP is still targeting her district. We are recommending continued support to hold this critical seat in the Lehigh Valley

Kirsten Engel AZ-06: The potential Flip here could help Biden win AZ in ’24 as well as Gallego keep the Senate seat formerly held by Sinema. Kirsten Engel ran in ’22 and lost by 1.5%, about 5,600 votes. She should be able to win in this Presidential Election year. She is a Professor of Law at Univ or AZ College of Law. Specializing in Environmental Law. Graduate of Brown U. and Northwestern Law School. She grew up in Chicago and was elected to the AZ State Senate before deciding to run for Congress in ’22. We consider Engel in the AZ-6 and strong Possible Flip.

Yadira Caraveo CO-08: She won this brand-new CD by 1,632 votes. A second election victory is critical to try to make this a Democrat held seat. She Won by only 0.69% 1,632 votes ‘22 This was a New House Seat allocated to CO after the census. It is a major battleground. One of the closest of all the House races in ’22. Yadira is an MD and worked on healthcare in the CO state legislature. Funding by small donors was critical to her victory. First time House Members are generally the most vulnerable.

Jared Golden ME-02: Will face a major challenge in this Trump +6% CD since he came out against large magazines on ARs after the shooting tragedy in Lewiston. He WON in 2022 by 6.2%, 19,000 votes. Trump won in this CD in 2016 and again in 2020 by 7.5%. Clearly, there has been a significant group of swing voters in this CD that have stayed with Jared. We recommend giving to fend off GOP attacks.

Josh Riley NY-19: This was a Democrat seat for two terms. Josh was the candidate in ’22 after the late primary. He lost by only 1.6%. He should flip it back with enough funding support. He lost by only 1.6%, or 4,000 votes in ’22. When Delgado resigned in March ‘22 to become Lt. Gov, Josh Riley moved his candidacy from NY-22 to NY-19 with the blessing of the DCCC. A potential Flip-back for the Dems in NY State.

Monica Tranel MT-01: After a difficult primary in ’22, Monica lost in this Western Montana CD by just 3.1%. (Missoula, Kalispell). She had no support from the National Dems and yet ran such a fine race in ‘22 that the Republicans were forced to spend significantly. This year with Tester running for re-election to the Senate, he must do very well in this key CD to hold his seat. The two campaigns will work closely together. The DCCC is giving Monica’s campaign full support. She is a dynamic woman and a formidable speaker. Women will vote for her on the key “women’s freedom” issue.

Mondaire Jones NY-17: He won this seat in ’20 prior to redistricting. Sean Maloney chose to run in NY-17 (with new boundaries) in ’22 but lost by only 0.64%. Mondaire was in the “Progressive” wing of the House. He will need to convince the present NY-17 voters that he can effectively represent them. Among the five potential NY State CDs that can flip back to the Democrats, this is a key race. Mondaire Is an attorney trained at Harvard.

Christina Bohannan IA-01: Although Christina lost in ’22 by 6%, we believe that she has a serious opportunity to Flip this CD this year. Her opponent is very unpopular in general polling. Christina has raised significant funds and is getting the backing from DCCC. The turnout of Democrat voters in always higher in a Presidential year. A recent major poll shows her leading by 4%. She is highlighting the impact of the Infrastructure Bill that her opponent voted against. Most important, her opponent is extreme on anti-abortion and against IVF. Christina is a law professor who comes from a modest working-class background.

Matt Cartwright PA-8: He has the distinction of winning this district for the first time in 2016 when Trump also won and each of the elections since. Trump won is his district again in 2020. So, he has distinguished himself but that does not mean that he is not vulnerable. He won by only 2.45% in 2022. He is a hard worker on local issues. He has just announced that under the infrastructure program a rail link will be built from Scranton to NYC which will bring jobs and population to the region.

Angie Craig MN-02: This CD has often had third party candidates that skew the vote numbers. Angie lost her first race in 2016 when a third-party candidate received 7.8% of the vote. She won in two-way race with 52.7% in 2018. In 2020 she won with 48% with a third party in the race. In 2022, she got 51% again with a third party. She is a moderate Dem and is well liked and works well across the aisle. Hopefully, Craig and

Klobuchar (Senate race) along with V.P. candidate Tim Walz can hold MN for Harris. DCCC list her as at risk and is giving her full support. Suburbs of Minneapolis as well as rural areas.

Chris Pappas NH-01: WON by 8%, 25,000 votes in 2022. In 2020 he won by 5.1% with a Biden margin of 6% in the CD. He is considered vulnerable in ’24 in a “swing state” like NH. NH is important for the Electoral College count. Assuming Biden wins NH by a smaller margin this year, Chris’s race could be very close. He is on DCCC Frontline list. We have moved his candidacy up to “give now” in order to get his fundraising ahead of his opponents. Note: in 2022 the Democrat Senator, Maggie Hassan, was running for her seat, leading the Dems ticket. This year NH has an Open governor’s race with a popular sitting Republican Governor. The CD is in southern NH, the expensive Boston media market.

Greg Landsman OH-01: WON by 5%, 14,200 votes in ’22. His victory was an important Flip in Cincinnati. He unseated a weak GOP Rep who had voted against the infrastructure bill (that included a major bridge across the Ohio River) and was an election denier. It is a “Red leaning district” and we believe he will need significant support to hold his seat against the winner of the GOP Primary. A vulnerable first time House Member.

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