



## 2014 Red to Blue Candidates

### *Staci Appel (IA-03)*

#### *Open Seat*

- Staci Appel is a former State Senator who won in a heavily-Republican district, where she fought for Iowa's middle class families, farmers and small business owners.
- In December, Rep. Tom Latham announced his retirement leaving an open seat in this district that leans Democratic. President Obama won in 2012 with 53% of the vote.
- Due to her work in the state Senate district, Staci will be able to make inroads to rural voters in the Western portion of the district.
- Staci remains the only Democratic candidate and is able to prepare for the general election, while the Republicans are in a costly five way primary battle which will drag the field far to the right.



### *Aimee Belgard (NJ-03)*

#### *Open Seat*

- Aimee Belgard is the former Burlington County Freeholder and has a long history of public service.
- Belgard is running in an open seat following Rep. John Runyan's announcement that he will not seek re-election.
- Though President Obama won this district in 2012 with 53.2% of the vote, Belgard will need to run an aggressive campaign and raise enough money to be competitive in both the New York and Philadelphia media markets.



### *Erin Bilbray (NV-03)*

#### *Incumbent Rep. Joe Heck*

- Erin is a third generation Nevadan and has strong ties to the community.
- Bilbray founded Emerge Nevada, an organization that encourages and trains women to run for office.
- President Obama won the 3<sup>rd</sup> district with 50.4% of the vote in 2012.





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### *Pam Byrnes (MI-07)*

*Incumbent Rep. Tim Walberg*

- Pam Byrnes is a former State Representative with a record of winning tough races.
- Byrnes will be facing Tea Party Republican Rep. Tim Walberg. Michigan's 7<sup>th</sup> district became more Democratic after redistricting and it is clear that Rep. Walberg is wholly out of step with his district.
- Byrnes' sprawling district covers five media markets, including the costly Detroit market.



### *Ann Callis (IL-13)*

*Incumbent Rep. Rodney Davis*

- Ann Callis is the former Chief Judge of the Illinois Third Judicial Circuit, where she was known as a reformer.
- This district represents the closest race won by a Republican. Rep. Davis won this seat by a margin of only 1,002 votes in 2012.
- Illinois' 13<sup>th</sup> district lies partially in the costly St. Louis media market, making it a relatively expensive race.



### *Jerry Cannon (MI-01)*

*Incumbent Rep. Dan Benishek*

- Jerry Cannon is an Iraq and Vietnam veteran, retired National Guard Major General, and former county sheriff.
- As a county sheriff, he has worked throughout northern Michigan to keep communities safe, and as a General in Iraq he helped secure our troops.
- Jerry had a strong fourth quarter; out-raising his opponent Rep. Benishek.
- Rep. Benishek has not established a base of support in this district and won by less than 1% in 2012.





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### *Gwen Graham (FL-02)*

*Incumbent Rep. Steve Southerland*

- Gwen Graham was previously the Director of Employee Relations for the Leon County School District. Before that she worked as a lawyer at an energy and environmental law firm in Washington, D.C.
- Gwen is the daughter of former Governor and U.S. Senator Bob Graham.
- Rep. Steve Southerland narrowly defeated Democratic nominee Al Lawson in 2012, receiving only 52.7% of the vote.
- Gwen has over \$1 million cash on hand going into 2014. In a rarity for a challenger, she has a \$200,000 cash on hand advantage over Rep. Southerland.



### *John Foust (VA-10)*

*Open Seat*

- Since his election to the Fairfax Board of Supervisors in 2007, John has brought his commitment to hard work and problem solving leadership to serving the families and businesses of northern Virginia.
- Rep. Wolfe announced in December of 2013 he would not be seeking re-election, making this seat immediately competitive.
- President Obama and Senators Warner and Kaine all received more than 50% of the vote in this district.



### *Patrick Henry Hays (AR-02)*

*Open Seat*

- Patrick Henry Hays was the Mayor of North Little Rock for more than twenty years before retiring in 2012. His long serving record brings abnormally high favorability and name ID to the race as a challenger.
- Hays is largely credited with turning the city around and is responsible for the Verizon Center, a minor league ball park and the Patrick Henry Hays Senior Center.
- Hays is an adept fundraiser and started off his campaign with a strong first quarter.





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### *Roxanne “Rocky” Lara (NM-02)*

*Incumbent Rep. Steve Pearce*

- Rocky Lara is a former Eddy County Commissioner and small business owner.
- During her time at the Commission, she worked hard to maintain and bring good jobs to Southern New Mexico.
- Rocky provides a contrast to millionaire Rep. Pearce in one of the most heavily Hispanic districts in America represented by a non-Hispanic Republican.
- Rocky outraised her opponent, Rep. Pearce, by over \$30,000 in Q4 of 2013.



### *John Lewis (MT-AL)*

*Open Seat*

- John Lewis is Senator Baucus' former state director. While working for Senator Baucus, Lewis visited all 56 counties in the state.
- Incumbent Rep. Steve Daines elected to run for the open Senate seat vacated by Senator Max Baucus, leaving the House seat open. The Republicans are setting up a competitive primary, while Lewis is the only filed candidate on the Democratic side.
- Lewis has had momentum from day one. During his first six months in the race, Lewis has collected a contribution from each of the 56 counties in Montana.



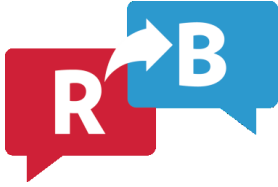
### *Domenic M. Recchia, Jr. (NY-11)*

*Incumbent Rep. Michael Grimm*

- Councilman Recchia was elected to the New York City Council in 2001, after serving as a Community School Board member for 12 years. He currently serves as the Chairman of the New York City Council Finance Committee.
- Recchia faces embattled Rep. Michael Grimm, a 2-term incumbent with significant ethical baggage, mounting legal bills and a pending grand jury investigation into campaign finance violations.
- New York's 11<sup>th</sup> district is made up of Staten Island and part of Brooklyn. It is contained entirely within the expensive New York City media market.
- Recchia has raised more than \$1.2 million in 2013 and has nearly as much cash on hand as the Republican incumbent Michael Grimm.







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### *Amanda Renteria (CA-21)*

*Incumbent Rep. David Valadao*

- Amanda Renteria is a first generation American who previously worked as a high school teacher and Chief of Staff to U.S. Senator Stabenow.
- President Obama won the 21<sup>st</sup> district with 55.7% of the vote in 2012.
- Renteria, in her first quarter as a candidate, raised an impressive \$325,000.



### *Kathleen Rice (NY-04)*

*Open Seat*

- Kathleen Rice is the District Attorney of Nassau County in Long Island representing 1.3 million New Yorkers.
- She was first elected in 2005 after defeating a 31-year incumbent, making her the first woman elected DA in Long Island's history.
- Democrats are strongly favored to keep this seat in 2014. Rep. McCarthy beat her Republican opponent by 30 points in 2012.

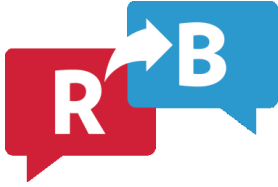


### *Martha Robertson (NY-23)*

*Incumbent Rep. Tom Reed*

- Martha Robertson has served in the Tompkins County Legislature since 2002 and has served as Chair of the Legislature since January 2010.
- Robertson outraised Rep. Reed \$272,000 to \$254,000 in the fourth quarter.
- Rep. Tom Reed won by only 10,000 votes last year against an under-funded challenger.
- Rep. Tom Reed is now under fire for paying his property taxes late over a dozen times using campaign funds. There is currently an outstanding FEC complaint and Ethics complaint about his tax issues.





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### *Andrew Romanoff (CO-06)*

*Incumbent Rep. Mike Coffman*

- Andrew Romanoff is the former Speaker of the Colorado House of Representatives.
- Romanoff's opponent, Rep. Coffman, is out of touch with the changing needs of the district, especially with the increasing Latino population.
- Romanoff raised over 2 million dollars in 2013 and outraised Rep. Mike Coffman in Q4 of 2013.
- President Obama won this seat in 2008 and 2012 and political forecasters are rating it as a pure toss up.





## *2014 Emerging Races*

**Nick Casey (WV-02)**

**Jim Mowrer (IA-04)**

**Michael Eggman (CA-10)**

**Suzanne Patrick (VA-02)**

**Sean Eldridge (NY-19)**

**Lee Rogers (CA-25)**

**Jennifer Garrison (OH-06)**

**Michael Wager (OH-14)**

**Bill Hughes (NJ-02)**

**James Lee Witt (AR-04)**

**Jackie McPherson (AR-01)**

**Aaron Woolf (NY-21)**

## *2014 Red to Blue Districts*

**CA-21, Open**

**IA-01, Open**

**ME-02, Open**

## *2014 Emerging Districts*

**MI-11, Rep. Kerry Bentivolio**

**NC-02, Rep. Renee Ellmers**

**PA-06, Open**

**PA-08, Mike Fitzpatrick**



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