

# CMRA BIKEPAC

## Year 2006 POLITICAL ENDORSEMENTS

On November 7, 2006 you will have the privilege and responsibility to vote for those men and women that will lead us in both Washington DC and here at home in Hartford. Regardless of where we live, each of us will cast a vote for the next Governor of the state of Connecticut and one of our United States Senators. Depending on the Town or City in which we reside, we will also vote for one United States Congressman, a State Senator and a State Representative. As politically active motorcyclists, I cannot overemphasize the importance of voting for those candidates who support the principles we hold so dear to our hearts. The battles in Hartford over the issues of mandatory helmet laws, access to affordable health care, funding for rider education and the overall continuing effort to improve motorcycle safety in the State of Connecticut must continue and will require legislators that are educated, fair and courageous if we are to continue to prevail in the legislative process.

In an effort to help you as a motorcycle rider in Connecticut make an informed choice, we are again presenting a list of our endorsed candidates that represent those men and women who genuinely care about you and I as motorcycle riders, who understand our issues and who are willing to fight to help us in the legislative arena. In certain select races, the endorsed candidate represents an alternative to a known opponent and does not necessarily represent a supportive candidacy to us as motorcyclists. In addition, some of you will find no endorsed candidate in your district. We urge those of you in such districts to make the effort to contact the candidates directly and make appropriate inquiries on the candidates' positions.

Unfortunately, democracy is not a spectator sport. Hopefully this list will make the task of casting a meaningful vote easier. Like any other tool, you need to save this list to be able to refer to it on Election Day so please put it where it can be found easily on November 7th. Remember, your vote does count and the following candidates deserve that vote.

### **Year 2006 ENDORSEMENTS-CONNECTICUT GOVERNOR:**

No endorsement – The incumbent Republican Governor, M. Jodi Rell has made her pro-helmet law position perfectly clear over the many years of her public service. Democratic candidate John DeStefano seemed to avoid our every request for a position on our issues. Consequently, no endorsement in this race.

### **Year 2006 ENDORSEMENTS-UNITED STATES SENATOR:**

No endorsement – Incumbent Senator Joe Lieberman has consistently ignored our concerns and voted against us every time we sought his assistance. His staff treats us like second class citizens, perhaps because of their entrenched tenure. Lamont may be a political novice and an unknown but he can't be any worse.

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**Year 2006 ENDORSEMENTS-UNITED STATES CONGRESS:**

First Congressional District – No endorsement - The Democratic incumbent, Representative John Larson, was the sponsor of a helmet law proposal in the Connecticut Senate back in the late 1980's when he was a State Senator but has remained out of our domain while in the U.S. Congress. His opponent cannot win.

Second Congressional District - Robert Simmons - Republican – Rob is without a doubt the best friend we have in the Connecticut Congressional delegation. He has consistently supported us over the last decade in both Hartford and Washington. This is expected to be one of the closest races in the country. Your vote is critical here.

Third Congressional District - No endorsement - The incumbent, Democrat Rosa DeLauro is no friend of motorcyclists.

Fourth Congressional District - Christopher Shays - Republican - Chris Shays supported our efforts to repeal the ISTEA mandates in 1995 despite personally supporting the concept of a helmet law. He could see and ultimately embrace the difference between the helmet law itself and the question of federal jurisdiction over the issue. He is accessible and accommodating. This race will be extremely close.

Fifth Congressional District – No endorsement. Chris Murphy, the Democratic candidate, has indicated his support of making helmets mandatory for adult riders in his current position as a CT State Senator.

**Year 2006 ENDORSEMENTS-CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**STATE SENATE**

<u>District #</u>	<u>Candidate's Name</u>	<u>Party Affiliation</u>
6	Donald DeFronzo	Democrat
7	John Kissel	Republican
9	Paul Doyle	Democrat
15	Joan Hartley	Democrat
19	Edith Prague	Democrat
20	Andrea Stillman	Democrat
22	Robert Russo	Republican
24	David Cappiello	Republican
25	Bob Duff	Democrat
26	Judith Freedman	Republican
28	John McKinney	Republican
29	Donald Williams	Democrat
31	Thomas Colapietro	Democrat
33	Eileen Daily	Democrat

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**STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

<u>District #</u>	<u>Candidate's Name</u>	<u>Party Affiliation</u>
22	Elizabeth Boukus	Democrat
29	Antonio Guerrero	Democrat
32	Jim O'Rourke	Democrat
33	Joseph Serra	Democrat
43	Diana Urban	Republican
45	Steven Mikutel	Democrat
47	Jack Malone	Democrat
49	Walter Pawelkiewicz	Democrat
53	April Teveris	Republican
55	Pamela Sawyer	Republican
56	Clair Janowski	Democrat
60	Peggy Sayers	Democrat
61	Ruth Fahrbach	Republican
67	Clark Chapin	Republican
69	Arthur O'Neill	Republican
70	Kevin DelGobbo	Republican
76	John Piscopo	Republican
78	Bill Hamzy	Republican
81	Bruce "Zeke" Zalaski	Democrat
97	Bob Megna	Democrat
102	Peter Panaroni Jr.	Democrat
103	Al Adinolfi	Republican
105	Len Greene	Republican
107	David Scribner	Republican
113	Richard Belden	Republican
116	Peter Sotere	Republican
117	Paul Davis	Democrat
118	James Amann	Democrat
120	John Harkins	Republican
121	Terry Backer	Democrat
122	Larry Miller	Republican
125	John Hetherington	Republican
129	Robert Keeley Jr.	Democrat
135	John Stripp	Republican
137	Chris Perone	Democrat
143	Antoinetta "Toni" Boucher	Republican

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A FINAL THOUGHT...

Running a campaign is expensive. Helping to bring good people to elected office requires that we support our friends financially. CMRA BIKEPAC exists for that purpose. To succeed in securing and maintaining the rights of motorcyclists we need your financial support. All of CMRA BIKEPAC's funds come from donations from motorcyclists like yourself. All of CMRA BIKEPAC's funds are then disbursed to worthy candidates who will support us in the Connecticut General Assembly. Under current campaign finance laws, we cannot accept donations from corporations or business interests nor can the CMRA be involved in any capacity with BIKEPAC's activities which includes prohibiting any financial support from the CMRA. In other words, we rely solely on the support of riders like you. Please support our work and send us your contribution today to the following address:

CMRA BIKEPAC  
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Freedom isn't free. Please be as generous as you can and do it today. Thank you.

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