

Concerned Democrats of Berkshire County

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Dear Andrea:

We know you are planning to run for Congress in 2012. You have every right to run. It is the democratic process. Indeed, we wish more qualified Democrats would be willing to run for elective office, and we applaud anyone who is willing to run.

However, there are good reasons to consider the timing and circumstances of running.

As the mid-term elections so clearly proved, every Democratic Congressional seat is very crucial to our ability to have any chance of advancing and protecting our Democratic values. These are perilous times.

Presently, we have a strong sitting Congressman, Congressman John Olver. He has not only done a great job as our Congressman, but wins with substantial margins. To run against him, no matter the makeup of his district after re-districting, would only serve to fracture the Democratic party, at a time when being unified behind a good Democrat seems invaluable.

As active, concerned Democrats, we ask that in these perilous times, you place the interests of the people of Berkshire County and the unity of the Democratic party first and foremost, and publicly announce that you will only run for Congress in 2012 if John Olver decides not to run.

Whenever Congressman Olver decides not to run, you will certainly have your chance, and we welcome your candidacy. Indeed, if you really believe that Congressman Olver will not run again in 2012, then publicly stating that you will not run if he runs, will only be to your benefit. You will garner much good will and recognition for putting values first.

In the meantime, we have a very effective Congressman for our district.

As you know, John Olver has been our Congressman since June of 1991, and as a result has attained a level of seniority and effectiveness that only comes with tenure, experience, and the respect of his colleagues.

Indeed, Congressman Olver is the only member of the Massachusetts delegation serving on the powerful House Appropriations Committee, which gives him a unique opportunity to help Berkshire County. Furthermore, in 2007 his colleagues named him Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development. In this capacity, Congressman Olver is one of the 12 Appropriations Subcommittee Chairs, a powerful position that takes years to earn and enables him to obtain funding for economic development projects at home that spur new business opportunities in central and western Massachusetts.

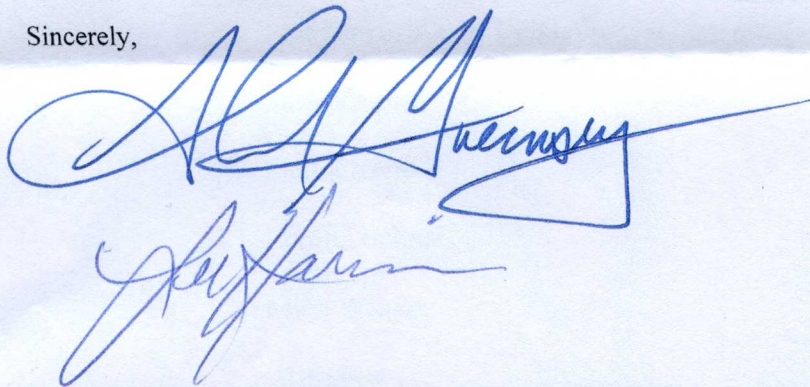
In addition, throughout his tenure, Congressman Olver has worked tirelessly to protect the environment, expand worker rights and benefits, increase access to affordable health care, and improve education, with the goal of investing in our people and our country for a better future.

The respect Congressman Olver has earned from his peers was also evident when he was named Senior Whip for the Democratic Caucus, thus allowing him to play a critical role in the development and communication of policy issues.

For all these reasons, we urge you to run and run hard, but first, announce that you will only run if Congressman Olver does not run.

On behalf of many concerned Democrats, we sincerely appreciate your serious consideration and would appreciate your response within the next few days.

Sincerely,



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