

A MESSAGE TO NEW YORK DEMOCRATS

When you clear away all the rhetoric, this election is not just a battle between George McGovern and Richard Nixon.

The question of 1972 is:

Do you want a Republican President, a Republican Congress and a Republican legislature whose political bedfellows are big business and the corporate special interests--or a Democratic President, a Democratic Congress and a Democratic legislature who have a demonstrated record of fighting for working people?

There is more at stake in 1972 than the Presidency.

Across the breadth of this country, Democratic congressional and legislative candidates are the local voices raised against the anti-people policies of Republican administrations from Washington to Albany.

The people of New York must not lose sight of the crucial importance of electing Democratic congressional and legislative candidates.

We need Democrats in Washington and Albany to provide jobs for over five million Americans who are without work.

We need Democrats in Washington and Albany to fight the special interests and embark on a program of tax reform and tax justice.

We need Democrats in Washington and Albany who have the compassion to provide adequate health care for our people, good nutrition for our children and decent incomes for the elderly.

Add, we need hard working Democrats in the Congress and the legislature for our future national leaders.

You owe it to yourselves, to your children and to your parents to vote the Democratic ticket.

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September 18, 1972

MEMORANDUM

FOR: Dan

FROM: Senator

I had a call from Governor Averell Harriman. He wanted me to come to New York on October 15 for a meeting relating to support of Congressional candidates and legislative candidates. I can't go; I'll be in Minnesota. He did want me to send a message. I want us to prepare one. The thrust of this message should be the importance of electing legislative candidates and Congressional candidates. It is out of legislative candidates that we develop national leadership. It is also in the legislatures where we are able to get either cooperation or resistance to the kind of Federal programs that make for better living. Also, we've simply got to underscore the importance of these Congressional races because, if Nixon should win, he'll not only be able to make some more Supreme Court appointments and other court appointments which will make this court a Nixon court for years to come; he will have the mandate of the public to do as he wants to in the Executive Offices and there will only be one force that stands in his way of running things as he wants it, and that will be the Congress of the United States -- and we need that Congress to be Democratically controlled, etc., etc.

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That message should be sent to Averell Harriman's home here in Washington. I will want to review the message before it goes out, so get at it.

cc: Betty



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