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ELECTION COMING TO A CONCLUSION

It is not an understatement to note that this has been tough election. As this is written the debates have not been held. If absentee ballots have not been mailed in, we suggest that you attend to it or vote at the polls if you can't vote by mail. The clock is ticking! As if dealing with the election is not enough, the passing of Supreme Court Justice Ginsburg and the shameful antics of Republican Senators maneuvering for a replacement drew our attention, and should draw yours. (On the reverse of this newsletter we have reprinted a partial list of Republican Senators and the position they took on the record when President Obama nominated a candidate to fill a vacancy on the Court. They have reversed themselves in the most blatant hypocritical way!)

While most of our attention has been on the top races, the contest in the 17th Congressional District is also of great interest. The comparison of the campaigns there couldn't be more stark: The incumbent for that seat, Conor Lamb, has been campaigning hard on the issues. He is well versed on the interests of average people, supporting and defending Medicare, Social Security, and the Affordable Care Act, with protections for pre-existing conditions. His opponent, on the other hand, has conducted a bizarre campaign, at least in his political advertisements. It boils down to two issues, which are: He is bothered by someone hollering at him, (Something he better understand is that politicians are always yelled at.). His other issue is that he has three children. Since both have served in the military, that is not an issue.

What it comes down to is this - - is it wiser to vote for a Congressman like Conor Lamb who is conversant with and supportive of bread and butter issues, or a parent with only cute kids and no program? Nuff said!

FOR POST OFFICE UNION RETIREES, THESE ARE THE STAKES

UNLESS BIDEN/HARRIS WINS, THE POSTAL SERVICE WILL BE PRIVATIZED, THUS THE UNION WILL BE ATTACKED AND LOST.

UNLESS BIDEN/HARRIS WINS, SOCIAL SECURITY WILL BE DECIMATED AND DESTROYED BY 2013.

UNLESS BIDEN/HARRIS WINS, MEDICARE WILL BE DESTROYED WITHOUT A REPLACEMENT.

UNLESS BIDEN/HARRIS WINS, OUR PENSION WILL BE ATTACKED AND DIMINISHED IF NOT LOST.

PARTIAL LIST OF HYPOCRITE REPUBLICAN SENATORS

(Provided by Nick G, my grandson.)

2016, Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas): "It has been 80 years since a Supreme Court vacancy was nominated and confirmed in an election year. There is a long tradition that you don't do this in an election year."

2018, Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.): "If an opening comes in the last year of President Trump's term, and the primary process has started, we'll wait to the next election."

2016, Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.): "I don't think we should be moving on a nominee in the last year of this president's term - I would say that if it was a Republican president."

2016, Sen. David Perdue (R-Ga.): "The very balance of our nation's highest court is in serious jeopardy. As a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, I will do everything in my power to encourage the president and Senate leadership not to start this process until we hear from the American people."

2016, Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa): "A lifetime appointment that could dramatically impact individual freedoms and change the direction of the court for at least a generation is too important to get bogged down in politics. The American people shouldn't be denied a voice."

2016, Sen. Thom Tillis (R-N.C.): "The campaign is already under way. It is essential to the institution of the Senate and to the very health of our republic to not launch our nation into a partisan, divisive confirmation battle during the very same time the American people are casting their ballots to elect our next president."

2016, Sen. Richard Burr (R-N.C.): "In this election year, the American people will have an opportunity to have their say in the future direction of our country. For this reason, I believe the vacancy left open by Justice Antonin Scalia should not be filled until there is a new president."

2016, Sen. Roy Blunt (R-Mo.): "The Senate should not confirm a new Supreme Court justice until we have a new president."

2016, Sen. Cory Gardner (R-Col.): "I think we're too close to the election. The president who is elected in November should be the one who makes this decision."

2016, Sen. Rob Portman (R-Ohio): "I believe the best thing for the country is to trust the American people to weigh in on who should make a lifetime appointment that could reshape the Supreme Court for generations. This wouldn't be unusual. It is common practice for the Senate to stop acting on lifetime appointments during the last year of a presidential term, and it's been nearly 80 years since any president was permitted to immediately fill a vacancy that arose in a presidential election year."

"The American people should have a voice in the selection of their next Supreme Court Justice. Therefore, this vacancy should not be filled until we have a new president."

Mitch McConnell, March 2016

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