

# NALC 2016 Down-Ballot Hot Spots

## Florida:

**Rep. Patrick Murphy (D - 18<sup>th</sup> District) v. incumbent Sen. Marco Rubio (R)**

Marco Rubio has backed policies attacking workers' rights, including standing with employers who intimidate workers during bargaining, opposing the right to collective bargaining and blocking the extension of unemployment benefits for those most in need.

Patrick Murphy has demonstrated that he supports letter carriers on key issues, such as maintaining six-day mail delivery, preserving door delivery, restoring service standards and eliminating the retiree health care pre-funding burden. Murphy has a track record of protecting workers' pay and their health and retirement benefits, which is why he has an 89 percent lifetime pro-worker voting record on the AFL-CIO's scorecard and an endorsement from the Florida State Association.

## Nevada:

**Former Nevada Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto (D) v. Rep. Joe Heck (R - 3<sup>rd</sup> District)**

Joe Heck has refused to support any of NALC's key issues, wants to eliminate the federal minimum wage altogether and has called Social Security a "pyramid scheme" that needs to be privatized. His track record has earned him a 21 percent lifetime pro-labor voting record according to the AFL-CIO.

Cortez Masto has pledged to NALC that she will work with us to eliminate the pre-funding mandate and to support six-day mail delivery, door delivery and restoring service standards. As attorney general, Masto fought to hold banks accountable for misleading and deceiving consumers. She supports equal pay for equal work, raising the minimum wage and requiring paid family leave. She has also been endorsed by the Nevada State Association.

## North Carolina:

**Former NC Representative Deborah Ross (D) v. incumbent Sen. Richard Burr (R)**

Richard Burr has been a vocal opponent of workers' compensation, specifically as it pertains to postal employees. He's even suggested "restructuring" the entire Postal Service ... in other words, privatizing it. He's proven to be no friend to labor and has scraped by with a 13 percent lifetime voting record on workers' issues according to the AFL-CIO.

Deborah Ross has built relationships with several NALC branch leaders and envisions a financially stable future for the Postal Service with strong services. She's been endorsed by the North Carolina State Association.

## Ohio:

**Former Gov. Ted Strickland (D) v. incumbent Sen. Rob Portman (R)**

Rob Portman has attempted to dismantle the Postal Service and Social Security by calling for outsourcing both to low-wage contractors. As the former U.S. trade representative, Portman didn't just advocate "free trade" deals that shipped union jobs overseas ... he led the negotiations. It's no surprise the AFL-CIO has given him a 20 percent lifetime pro-worker voting record.

Ted Strickland, meanwhile, has promised to work to defeat so-called "free trade" deals. He has fought to prevent post office closures, maintain services and restore letter carrier jobs during his time in office, and he is endorsed by the Ohio State Association.

## **Pennsylvania:**

### **Katie McGinty (D) v. incumbent Republican Sen. Pat Toomey (R)**

Pat Toomey has led the fight against labor unions by introducing legislation that would create a nationwide "right-to-work" law. A Wall Street millionaire, he advocated privatizing Social Security and urged that it be invested in the stock market, a move that would have handed Wall Street billions in fees at the expense of taxpayers. The AFL-CIO's 10 percent lifetime pro-labor voting record for Toomey affirms that he's no champion for working families.

Katie McGinty has promised to support common-sense postal reform legislation and address the retiree health care pre-funding mandate that the USPS faces. She has been endorsed by the Pennsylvania State Association.

## **Wisconsin:**

### **Former Sen. Russ Feingold (D) v. incumbent Sen. Ron Johnson (R)**

As the chairman of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, Ron Johnson has directly called for the Postal Service to go through bankruptcy proceedings and for privatizing the agency, overlooking the unconstitutionality of his stance. Johnson has worked against efforts promoting postal reform. Simply put, he's declined to engage in any discussions toward creating a more financially stable Postal Service. He supports legislation to cut the pay, benefits and jobs of most federal employees and to outright eliminate scores of federal agencies. According to the AFL-CIO, his lifetime voting record in favor of workers' issues is a disappointing 6 percent.

Russ Feingold promises to protect union rights and the public servants who work throughout the government. During his previous time in Congress, Feingold fought to restore workers' freedom to form unions and speak with one voice for better wages, benefits and working conditions. He's promised to protect Social Security and to fight any scheme to privatize it or risk working peoples' hard-earned benefits. During his career, he has fought against pay discrimination in the workplace, and he believes in equal pay for equal work. Feingold has been endorsed by the Wisconsin State Association of Letter Carriers.