



Dear Fellow Democrat,

This is a crazy time in politics. Donald Trump is in the White House and our state has suffered under Chris Christie for the past eight years. Given all that has been going on, I know it can be hard to imagine voting for a Republican at any level of government, but that is exactly what I'm asking you to do in the case of Sen. Kip Bateman. If you look at his record, I think you will agree that he has earned your vote.

Kip is a different kind of Republican who has truly represented the values of his constituents during the past 23 years as a legislator. He consistently stands up to his own party, and has often been the lone Republican to work across the aisle to tackle the biggest challenges facing our state.

Kip supports common-sense gun control measures that keep our families safe. He has voted to keep guns out of the hands of domestic abusers, and is one of only three Republican incumbents not endorsed by the NRA this year because they know that Kip stands with us, not the gun lobby.

Kip is a strong advocate for women. He has voted in favor of pay equity legislation and to ensure funding for family planning services. He is pro-choice and the **only** Republican in the state legislature endorsed by Planned Parenthood Action Fund of New Jersey.

And Kip is a leader in the fight against climate change. He is one of the most pro-environmental legislators from either party, and has sponsored aggressive legislation that would require 80% of New Jersey's energy to be produced by renewable sources by 2050. His environmental activism has earned him the endorsement of the New Jersey League of Conservation Voters as well as that of nearly every other statewide environmental organization.

Kip Bateman has stood up to his party's leaders, including Governor Christie, again and again. We can count on him to do the right thing when it comes to fighting climate change, increasing pay equity, protecting women's healthcare, and stopping gun violence.

And that's important because having strong bipartisan support for issues we care about strengthens our positions, forces hesitant Democrats to act, and puts greater pressure on Republicans at the federal level. We will lose this critical leverage – unless we ensure that Kip Bateman is re-elected.

Kip Bateman has not only voted right, but has also been champion for the issues that matter to New Jersey families. Based on that proven record, I hope you will join me in supporting Kip Bateman for Senate in Legislative District 16 on November 7th.

Regards,

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