

Fellow Chairs:

I hope this note finds you well.

This is an urgent and confidential communication in advance of Friday's State Convention in Rochester. Please do not forward this email.

As you know, we have three declared candidates planning to run against Kirsten Gillibrand for the United States Senate. Each of these candidates has their advantages and disadvantages, but it appears a primary is imminent. Ms. Gillibrand is weak and she can be beaten. She was just declared the most liberal U.S. senator in America, and that could badly hurt her in the general election.

I am deeply concerned, though, that a contentious Republican Primary, and the possibility of the Republicans and Conservatives selecting different candidates to represent them, will spoil our chances of winning this senate seat. We are looking at a possible repeat of 2010 the way this is playing out.

There is an alternative. But there is little time. I ask you to consider the following immediately:

Republican-Conservative Rep. Bob Turner sprang onto the national scene last year. He captured the nation's imagination by winning what was considered an impossible race in the middle of New York City – by seven points -- in a district that hasn't elected a Republican congressman since 1923! And he did it by convincing Republicans, Democrats and independents to vote for him while running unapologetically against the Obama Agenda that Senator Gillibrand has furthered every step of the way.

Turner has national and international name ID. The entire country was riveted to his race less than a year ago. Bob Turner's campaign became a referendum on President Obama -- and we won! Bob, a highly successful television executive, was given a standing ovation in the halls of Congress when he was sworn in.

The Democrats are now killing Bob Turner's congressional district. They are eviscerating it. They do not want Turner to remain a public symbol for the major loss President Obama suffered in our state last year. But we can do something about that by running him for U.S. Senate.

Bob Turner plans to run for re-election – even in an awful district – but I think we can convince him to run for U.S. Senate. With his name ID, fundraising ability, instant credibility in the press, strong support in the Jewish community – and nationally celebrated status as a Washington outsider – Bob Turner can beat Kirsten Gillibrand.

It is my hope and expectation that Congressman Bob Turner could unite the Republican and Conservative parties behind a single candidate. In a matter of two weeks, we could all be working together laying the groundwork for an historic victory in November.

Bob Turner can defeat Kirsten Gillibrand. I know that and so will the public. We could find ourselves in a very strong position heading into November if we act decisively in the next 72 hours.

See you in Rochester. Would appreciate your thoughts.

Ever upward!

Craig Eaton

Kings County GOP Chairman