

Club Members Reach Out to KY and ME Voters to Take Back the Senate

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Undeterred by the cold and rainy weather, Three Parks volunteers gathered on Dec. 9 for an evening of phone banking and postcard writing. This was the third event this fall in the “Take Back Congress” campaign, and a full schedule of additional events is planned as this year’s elections get closer. All interested Club members are invited to join us in our ongoing efforts.

As Club members know, helping Democrats regain control of the Senate in 2020 is crucial. We are currently targeting two vitally important races: the fights to unseat Republican Senators Mitch McConnell in Kentucky and Susan Collins in Maine. At the Dec. 9 event, we had three activities going on at once:

- Phoning Republican seniors in Kentucky to alert them that Senator McConnell cannot be trusted to protect the Social Security and Medicare benefits that seniors rely on
- Writing postcards to Republican seniors in Kentucky with the same message about Senator McConnell
- Phoning younger registered Democrats in Maine who neglected to vote in 2018 and urging them to come to the polls next year

Responses from the Kentucky voters were predictably mixed; some were friendly and agreed with our message; others were uninterested or unwilling to talk. By contrast, the young voters contacted in Maine were generally friendly and promised to vote.

In all, at our three events this fall, volunteers have called more than 900 phone numbers, written more than 500 postcards, and logged numerous significant conversations with voters.

We will be scheduling more phone banking / postcard writing events starting in January. Here is the next event:

Next Phone Bank and Postcard-Writing Event
Tuesday, January 21, 6:30-8:30 PM
For details, watch for email announcements or check
the Three Parks website

Over time we plan to expand our focus to include not just important Senate races, but also Congressional and other local races in New York State. Once the campaigning season starts, we expect to work with campaign organizations in each district to support the eventual Democratic nominee. We encourage all Club members to join us at these events.