

# **With Activities on Hold, the Take Back Congress Committee Takes Stock**

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Since last fall the TPID Take Back Congress team has called nearly 1,700 phone numbers and written more than 1,100 postcards to voters. But now the team's monthly gatherings for phone banking and postcard writing are on (we assume) temporary hiatus due to concerns about the coronavirus. So now is a good time to take stock and make plans for the remainder of this momentous election year.

Our efforts thus far have focused on the all-important races to unseat Senator Mitch McConnell in Kentucky and Senator Susan Collins in Maine. Kentucky holds its Democratic primary on May 19. Maine holds its Democratic primary on June 9. Once there is a Democratic Senate nominee in each state, we can adjust our voter-reachout strategies accordingly. Also, all relevant information that we have gathered about Kentucky and Maine voters can be shared with the Democratic campaigns in those states.

The New York Democratic primary will be held on June 23. The two congressional candidates that we supported in 2018, Antonio Delgado in the Hudson Valley and Max Rose on Staten Island, are both running and will likely be renominated. Once the primary is over, we can begin making plans to support the candidate in each district, including working in coordination with the candidate's own local campaign

organization.

As of this writing, it is not known when we can resume our monthly meetings to make phone calls and write postcards. We will certainly aim to do so as soon the virus threat recedes. In the meantime, we will also evaluate any activities that volunteers can do on their own. We will keep the volunteer team and all club members informed of all planned activities.

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