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2008 GENERAL ASSEMBLY CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENTS

Illinois PAC for families affected by autism and other developmental disabilities releases candidate endorsements

The Illinois Autism and Developmental Disabilities Political Action Committee (IADD-PAC) released its endorsements for the General Assembly today. IADD-PAC is a non-partisan organization devoted to improving the lives of persons with autism and other developmental disabilities through political action.

“We are delighted to endorse these exceptional candidates for their commitment to our families and their dedication to persons with developmental disabilities,” said Chris Kennedy, Chairman of IADD-PAC and a parent of a child with autism and epilepsy. “Our families struggle every day to provide care and offer our children a fair shot at living fulfilling and independent lives in our communities, and historically Illinois has lagged behind almost every other state in helping us achieve those goals.”

Kennedy noted that Illinois was recently ranked dead last among the states and the District of Columbia in providing home and community services to prevent institutionalization, a ranking that has been consistently bad for many years. “We have made significant progress in recent years and we are hopeful that our legislative allies will continue their work to help our families and to make Illinois a more welcoming state for persons with significant disabilities,” said Kennedy.

Autism and other disabilities were recently made a political issue in this year’s presidential race. IADD-PAC was founded by parents to raise awareness and create a better legal and budget environment for our families in Illinois.

For further information or to get involved in IADD-PAC, please visit our website at www.autismpac.org.

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These endorsements are made in a limited number of contested races and are intended to recognize those 2008 candidates who have made superior efforts on behalf of our families. Non-inclusion on this list does not imply that a candidate is not supportive of our cause or our legislative priorities. Additionally, some contested races feature more than one candidate who has shown significant support for our issues, or feature candidates with limited or no records on our issues and, therefore, no endorsement is listed for those races.

The following candidates are endorsed because they have demonstrated outstanding commitment to legislation and budget initiatives that will improve the lives of children, adults and families affected by autism and other developmental disabilities:

Illinois House Endorsements

<i>District</i>	<i>Candidate (Party)</i>
17	Elizabeth Coulson (R)
20	Michael McAuliffe (R)
43	Ruth Munson (R)
44	Peggy Brothman (R)
45	Franco Coladipietro (R)
46	Dennis Reboletti (R)
49	Tim Schmitz (R)
53	Sid Mathias (R)
55	Harry Ramey (R)
56	Paul Froelich (D)
57	Elaine Nekritz (D)
58	Karen May (D)
59	Kathy Ryg (D)
60	Eddie Washington (D)
65	Rosemary Mulligan (R)
69	Ron Wait (R)
75	Careen Gordon (D)
80	George Scully (D)
83	Linda Chapa LaVia (D)
85	Brent Hassert (R)
89	Jim Sacia (R)
90	Jerry Mitchell (R)
99	Raymond Poe (R)
103	Naomi Jakobsson (D)
104	Bill Black (R)
106	Keith Sommer (R)
112	Jay Hoffman (D)
115	Mike Bost (R)

Illinois Senate Endorsements

<i>District</i>	<i>Candidate (Party)</i>
9	Jeff Schoenberg (D)
21	Dan Cronin (R)
27	Matt Murphy (R)
30	Terry Link (D)
33	Dan Kotowski (D)
42	Linda Holmes (D)
54	John Jones (R)
59	Gary Forby (D)

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