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College Democrats of Illinois Endorse First Slate of Congressional Candidates

Champaign, IL: The College Democrats of Illinois, the state federation representing all college Democrats in the great state of Illinois, today endorsed four extraordinary candidates for U.S. Congress. Two of these candidates are sitting Congresswomen and two are challenging Republican incumbents, all in districts that Donald Trump carried in 2016. We are excited to work with these incredible women to turn out our fellow students and communities over the twelve weeks leading to Election Day:

- **Congresswoman Lauren Underwood** is running for reelection in Illinois's 14th Congressional District. When she was first elected in 2018 after working in the Obama Administration and as a public health nurse, CDIL members knocked on hundreds of doors in her district, and we are excited to work to get her reelected. She has been a champion for the people of Illinois and her district in her first term, and we look forward to her continuing to fight for us for years to come.
- **Congresswoman Cheri Bustos** is running for reelection in Illinois's 17th Congressional District. First elected in 2012, Congresswoman Bustos serves as Chair of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, working to support Democratic candidates for Congress across the country, and fighting for college students in Illinois her whole career. Although Donald Trump carried her district by a narrow margin in 2016, Bustos won resounding victories in that same year and again in 2018. Our chapters in her district: Augustana College, Monmouth College, Knox College, and Bradley University College Dems, will be working particularly closely with Congresswoman Bustos's campaign to ensure her reelection.
- **Betsy Dirksen Londrigan** is challenging a Republican incumbent in Illinois's 13th Congressional District. A non-profit leader and affordable healthcare advocate in the Springfield community, Betsy came within less than one percent from beating Rep. Rodney Davis, who has five times voted to gut coverage for people with pre-existing conditions. We are excited to work with the chapters in her district, some of our biggest and most passionate, to elect her: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Illinois State University, and Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.
- **Dani Brzozowski** is challenging a Republican incumbent in Illinois's 16th Congressional District. An activist, a community organizer, and the youngest ever and first ever female chair of LaSalle County Democrats, Dani is an unabashed progressive running to give the 16th District the passionate and effective representation in Congress they desperately need. We look forward to working with her to unseat Rep. Adam Kinzinger this November!

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