



Dear Committee Member,

As members of a grassroots coalition that has been working since January to lay the groundwork for a Democrat to win in Pennsylvania's 18th Congressional District, we want you to know that we are extremely concerned about the character and actions of one of the candidates running to fill Congressman Murphy's vacated seat. The organization Mondays With Murphy (now Progress 18 PA) has been shining a light on Tim Murphy's disastrous voting record for the better part of a year. It has also been instrumental in building a coalition of grassroots groups - the 18th District Campaign Coalition - across the disparate territory of the district, an army of hundreds of volunteers, ready to take to the streets, phone bank, and fundraise on behalf of a strong Democrat who can flip this district.

Gina Cerilli is not that candidate. Scores of people - from young mothers to grey-haired grannies - did not stand on Tim Murphy's doorstep every week, in every kind of weather, to draw attention to both his public and private deceits, in order to replace him with someone who believes that any tactic is okay as long as it helps you win. Someone who actively campaigns on a pro-life platform and accepted an endorsement from LifePac (a pro-life and anti-marriage equality organization) but told a room full of progressives that she is not against gay marriage or a woman's right to choose. Someone who believes it's fine to try to stack a committee with her supporters. Someone who would take her committee chair to court.

Ms Cerilli would have you believe that she is the one candidate in the field who can win this district because she is conservative and can get Republican votes. We vehemently disagree. The Republicans have their own candidate for those who support the regressive policies of the right. What we need to win this is a candidate who can get Democrats excited, who can tap into the energy and enthusiasm of our coalition of volunteers, someone who will make Democrats proud to cast a vote on March 13.

Give us that candidate, and we will work tirelessly to win this election.

Respectfully,

Progress 18 PA - 515 members

Mt. Lebanon Rise Up - 300 members

Tuesdays With Toomey Pittsburgh - 2,500 members

La Resistance - 672 members

Fierce - Pittsburgh and SWPA - 7,100 members

DART Washington County (Democrats for Action, Responsibility, and Truth) - 115 members

Order of the Phoenix - 7,500 members

Upper Saint Clair Progressive Network - 245 members

Pennsylvania Together - 2,000 members