

Neighbors for BARBUTO in Congress

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MESSAGE FROM RICHARD BARBUTO
THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS
21ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

I want to work in Congress as the conscience of the 21st District. I want to do something about the problems that are bothering you the most. I am concerned about what the Federal Government is doing TO you and what it is not doing FOR you and your neighbors.

"The silent majority" has become "the victimized majority." There is no need to suffer in silence. To combat the special interests which receive attention like the squeaky door, common sense dictates that we speak, act and vote in concert to make our concerns known about such issues as the unrelieved national debt, excessive taxes, overpriced consumer goods and services, the skyrocketing interest rates that preclude home ownership for many; the virtual requirement of a second income in order for most families and for many individuals to survive, requiring nearly double the number of hours of labor needed to support a family half a century ago (more like slavery than economic progress); fear of violence, whether walking the streets or in the sanctity of our own homes, not to mention the high dollar cost of crime to taxpayers.

A QUESTION FROM THE CANDIDATE

Richard Barbuto has a question for you. Are you afflicted with middle income "pockets of poverty?"

Pocketbook problems are at the root of many social problems. The 21st District Congressional candidate, who is opposing 22-year incumbent Hamilton Fish Jr., has identified three causes of middle income "pockets of poverty" which force individuals to moonlight and require families to have two incomes.

As an attorney and teacher in the financial field, Richard Barbuto knows how to get a handle on legislation affecting the nation's economy. He points out that this economic squeeze resulting from Federal government policies adversely affects family life, in some cases leading to juvenile delinquency. (A recent survey showed leisure hours for adults had sharply decreased in recent years, leaving parents with less time to spend with their children as they struggle to meet their financial obligations.)

The economic pressure affects general health, as working individuals become worn down by the burdens placed on them by government policies. (More and more women are having heart attacks and becoming alcoholics.) The economics of taxes, the interest rate and inflation even affect our civility toward one another, as people in grocery stores, on highways and in the homes become increasingly stressed and hyper from the pressures of their lives. (If the president wants "a kinder and gentler nation," our incumbent congressman has not acted to lift the pressure off the middle income individuals and families that would provide them with the economic well-being they work so hard to try to achieve.) Economically stressed families are not relaxed families, and this shows in relationships of family members toward one another.

For details on pickpockets that Richard Barbuto has identified as robbing middle income citizens, please see the reverse side of this flier.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO PLACE RICH BARBUTO WHERE HE CAN DO SOMETHING FOR YOU

To volunteer for the Barbuto campaign, call (914) 271-6563 or write Neighbors for Barbuto in Congress, 3635 Hill Blvd., Suite 418, Lourdes Shopping Center, Jefferson Valley, N. Y. 10535. To make a donation, send to Burton Grusky, CPA, 153 Grand St., Croton-on-Hudson, N. Y. 10520. Checks should be made payable to Neighbors for Barbuto in Congress.

If you start early, you can multiply your vote by influencing others. Volunteers donating time will be investing their time in a future offering more leisure for themselves and their families, if Rich Barbuto's efforts are successful. Donors of dollars will be spending money in order to be able, in the future, to save more money for themselves. Rich Barbuto thanks both kinds of supporters, and you will thank yourself for helping to elect him.

**HOW LEGISLATIVE PICKETPOCKETS OF THE EIGHTIES
CREATED "POCKETS OF POVERTY" FOR THE MIDDLE INCOME WORKERS OF THE NINETIES**

ARE YOU SUFFERING FROM MIDDLE INCOME "POCKETS OF POVERTY"

Here is a trio of pickpockets that Richard Barbuto has identified, along with his suggested solutions to putting the money back in your pocket:

Pickpocket Number One: Federal Taxes

We all know by now how Congress instituted the Savings & Loan bailout with which incumbent congressmen want to burden middle income taxpayers. There has been less attention paid to other dubious uses of taxpayers' money that not only result in economic burdens to citizens, but create other kinds of problems for the average American, already saddled with a \$3 trillion national debt and the unwelcome hefty interest.

The National Endowment of the Arts, at taxpayer expense, has been blatantly biased in support of funding vulgar "art" which offends the sensitivities of many voters. A simple tool like a screwdriver ordered by the Defense Department for \$680 each does not make the nation any safer from hostile countries and undermines public support for legitimate national defense expenditures. Tax dollars also support a bureaucracy at the Food & Drug Administration that has allowed some Americans to succumb to fatal diseases for which cures are available in other countries.

Tax money, Richard Barbuto concludes as a former village trustee, works best near home at a local level, where citizens can monitor how their dollars are being spent. In his village post, the Democratic candidate has been able to observe the interactions of Federal and local government. Some programs belong with the Federal Government, but too many projects going on at a Federal level can be carried out more economically by local government.

Pickpocket Number Two: Interest Rates

Many moonlighting fathers and working mothers believe that they need extra income to pay for a mortgage or car, the two major budget items for most of us. Although these individuals think they are paying for a car or a house, they are primarily paying exorbitant interest to a lending institution, particularly in the early life of a loan.

The Federal Reserve, which regulates interest rates, is a creature of Congress and can be dissolved by Congress. The interest rate is particularly cruel to transient workers, who never get to build home equity, as most of initial payments are applied to interest.

The Savings & Loan crisis, costing taxpayers dearly, was permitted by unscrupulous legislators now sitting in Congress. Richard Barbuto has the professional background in law and finance to know how to fight this demon.

Pickpocket Number Three: Inflation

In his lifetime, Richard Barbuto has seen the price of a first class postage stamp escalate to thirty cents, with plans for a further increase. A home that he cites in lower Westchester, valued at \$38,000 in 1965, is now priced at \$380,000. In the grocery store he sees shoppers agonize over prices of produce, frozen and canned goods -- by no means gourmet items. (Rich Barbuto manages to raise a few vegetables as an avocation and observes that it helps out on the grocery bill.) Inflation might seem innocent enough as long as salaries increase at the same rate as the cost of life's necessities. The sad fact is that today salaries lag behind the prices, leaving the average citizen the loser.

Why inflation? In the Constitution, Congress was charged with monitoring the currency. It gave up the responsibility to the Federal Reserve, whose members are appointed, not elected. When the Federal Reserve prints money not backed by silver and gold, it causes inflation at home and problems in the international market. Other countries, losing faith in the declining value of the American dollar, could call in debts, demanding they be redeemed in silver or gold, thereby creating a major national crisis. Richard Barbuto would restore responsibility for the national currency to the elected Congress.

A CONGRESSMAN MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Can one congressman make a difference? Many critical votes in Congress have been close, and Richard Barbuto's election could make that difference. There is further good news. Challengers to incumbents are receiving, nationwide, unprecedented support from grass roots. This means that Richard Barbuto will have many colleagues in the refurbished new Congress who will also be responsive to voters like yourself and not to special interests. In this election the worker, the homemaker, the retiree have a real opportunity to be represented in Washington.

Does your vote make a difference? Within our own 21st District, Democratic candidate for Philipstown town clerk Don McGrath was elected by a margin of seven votes.