

EMILYs List: Endorses Tammy Baldwin for reelection to the United States Senate

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today EMILYs List, the nation's largest resource for women in politics, endorsed Tammy Baldwin for reelection to the United States Senate. EMILYs List President Laphonza Butler released the following statement:

"Sen. Tammy Baldwin knows firsthand just what's at stake in our fight to make sure every American has the health care and resources they need to be healthy and thrive. Her commitment to protecting the vulnerable and defending our fundamental freedoms is unparalleled. EMILYs List is proud to stand by her campaign because we have seen just how fiercely she fights for our rights. We look forward to seeing what Baldwin will accomplish for Wisconsinites and all Americans during her next term."

Sen. Tammy Baldwin is running for reelection to ensure that hardworking Wisconsin families continue to have a voice in the U.S. Senate. Baldwin was born in Madison, Wisconsin, and raised there by her grandparents. After graduating from high school, Baldwin went to Smith College, where she double majored in mathematics and government and was active in student government and in the movement for lesbian and gay rights. After graduation, she moved back to Wisconsin, taking a job working on equal pay issues in the Wisconsin governor's office. Inspired by Geraldine Ferraro's historic campaign for vice president, Baldwin ran and won her first elected office, a seat on the Dane County Board of Supervisors, at age 24 while still in law school at the University of Wisconsin. After serving four terms, Baldwin was elected to the Wisconsin State Assembly, where she spearheaded legislation on civil rights, collective bargaining for public employees, campaign finance reform, and reproductive rights — before running successfully for a seat in the U.S. House of

Representatives. Baldwin made history as the first woman from Wisconsin elected to the House and the first openly gay person to be elected to Congress who was not an incumbent. She quickly established a reputation as a champion fighting for Wisconsin. And in 2012, when Baldwin first ran for the Senate as an underdog, EMILYs List was with her all the way. “The minute the opportunity to run for the Senate came up, EMILYs List was standing with me, shoulder to shoulder,” she has said. When elected, she made history as the first openly gay person ever elected to the U.S. Senate and the first woman ever elected to represent Wisconsin in that chamber. Today, Baldwin is one of the strongest fighters we have in the Senate — and her voice is one that we need at a time when the stakes have never been higher for women and families.

EMILYs List, the nation’s largest resource for women in politics, works to elect Democratic pro-choice women up and down the ballot and across the country with a goal of fighting for our rights and our communities. Our work is centered around a fundamental vision: Run. Win. Change the World. EMILYs List has raised \$850 million in service to that vision and has helped Democratic women win competitive elections by recruiting and training candidates, supporting and helping build strong campaigns, researching the issues that impact women and families, running one of the largest independent expenditure operations for Democrats, and turning out women voters to the polls. Since our founding in 1985, we have helped elect the country’s first woman as vice president, 175 women to the House, 26 to the Senate, 20 governors, and over 1,500 women to state and local office. More than 40% of the candidates EMILYs List has helped elect to Congress have been women of color. Visit www.emilyslist.org for more information.

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