

Why Choose Mickey Switalski?

This year you can change your representative and change politics. I am challenging longtime incumbent Sander Levin for the US Congress in the Democratic Primary.

Your vote can give me that job.

Levin has been there 28 years, and will be in his 80s if re-elected. I thank him for his service, but I think it is time for new blood.

I am running because I can do a better job. I bring more energy, newer

ideas, and a consistent record of results and bi-partisanship during my 21 years in politics. Most importantly, I bring a commitment to fiscal order. I will champion balanced budgets and arrest the spiraling Federal deficit.

That will mark a significant departure from my predecessor. The day of reckoning is here. We can not continue to ignore fiscal responsibility.

An even bigger contrast is my commitment to refuse to play the big money game in Washington. I will

take no Federal PAC money. Levin has taken nearly \$1 million in the last year. My candidacy offers an opportunity to reject this approach. I will answer to you and not to Washington lobbyists.

I have survived in politics for two decades based on outworking my opponents. I have been an outsider in most of my races, beating establishment candidates by knocking on your door and personally delivering my newsletter to your house with my trusty band of friends and volunteers.

By contrast, my opponent mails his literature to you at taxpayer expense. I am too cheap to buy a stamp, *even with your money*, but maybe that's the attitude we need right now if we want to stop running trillion dollar deficits.

Party bigwigs have discouraged my challenge. To them, it is a sin to run against an incumbent. But I think you deserve a choice. After all, Congress isn't a lifetime appointment like the Supreme Court.

If you want to make a break with the past and reject the sense of entitlement and inertia that plagues Congress, I hope you will take the opportunity August 3rd to make a statement with your vote.

<i>The Tale of the Tape</i> Switalski v Levin		
Age	55	78
Election Record	18-0	38-2
Training Camp	Louisiana State, 1981	Harvard, 1957
Experience	21 years in state and local government	28 year incumbent in Congress
War Chest	\$25,000	\$1 million plus
Orientation	Goes both left and right	Exclusively left
How do you get this literature?	Hand delivered door to door by volunteers FREE	Mailed at taxpayer (your) expense = \$81,805

Nancy Switalski: Tough to Kill

Dedicated readers of *The Insider* will recall that after long and tortured negotiations, I was able to steal my 84 year old mother Nancy away from my brother Matthew's *Clinton Township McMansion* and get her to move in with me in Roseville. It was the free agent Signing of the Century, although I had to give up free rent, the parking spot in the garage next to the door, and an endless supply of bourbon and cokes.

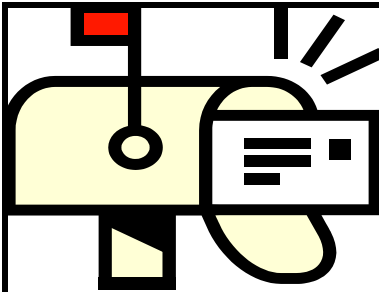
Things were going fantastic. Nancy is a great cook, and my wife Roma and mom love doing the crosswords together every day. My son Liam delights in making grandma her *Crystal Light* lemonades. Nancy even returned to painting after a 50 year hiatus, and would proudly show off her latest watercolors to any and all visitors, until my sister Jeannie's first attempt appeared to my mother to be superior to her own efforts. "I am disgusted," mom lamented. "Jeannie has never painted before and hers is already better than mine."

We tried to reassure her, but she would not hear of it. She threatened to quit painting.

Then disaster struck. While driving north on Garfield at 15 Mile, she was sideswiped by a young man making a left turn. He got a ticket, but Nancy got 2 broken ribs, a lacerated spleen, and her car was totaled. We hoped to avoid surgery, and mom was out after a couple of days in the hospital. She was doing great, even painting, when suddenly after 10 days internal bleeding developed. That meant the spleen would have to go.

That was tough, and as they wheeled her away I feared I had seen the last of her. But she survived the surgery, no easy matter. As my sister Jeannie, a nurse (and blossoming painter) told Nancy as she lay in the recovery room, "Gee mom, you're kinda hard to kill."

Nancy is home now and gaining strength every day. Each of my 4 sisters came in turn from long distances to spend a week with her during her 2 hospital stays, often sleeping at the hospital. Ribs take a long time to heal, so Nancy will take it slow. But letters like the ones below from her grandchildren tend to cheer her up.



Letters to Grandma

I just got off the phone with my mom, and she told me about your surgery. I am thinking about you, and I know you're going to be back in action soon because you're the toughest grandma around. You're like the Rahm Emanuel of grandmothers. I mean, it took a car accident to slow you down, and you're still truckin'. If I had my Law Degree, I would be out there in a flash to file a lawsuit against that jackass who rammed your car. What a dufus. —Jeffrey

I'm thrilled that you're feeling better and back home. I hope these flowers will light up your living room and perhaps serve as inspiration for your next lovely watercolor (Jeannie's is crap).

Keep getting better, don't let Mickey work you too hard, and I'll be back to visit soon. I love you. —Nancy Helen

US Wins Ryder Cup

My pals ended a 20 year drought by winning the Ryder Cup against the visiting British, 7.5—2.5, with victories at Oakland University, University of Michigan, and Gowanie golf courses. As US captain with a 1-5-1 record, I would have been sacked had we suffered another loss. But we showed the visiting 6 Scots and an Englishman a great time, including feather bowling, Tiger and Red Wing games, Walleye fishing and fabulous golf.



The Iron

As two of them told me, "Don't tell my wife, but *this is the best vacation I have ever had.*" With victory comes the spoils: The Iron, the Ryder Trophy, is proudly displayed on my kitchen table.

Heard on the Campaign Trail

While knocking doors in Hazel Park, one voter shared

this joke. Guy enters a monastery with one rule: You can only say 2 words every 10 years. After 10 years he gets his first meeting with the Head Monk. He walks in and sits down at the desk and says, "Bed hard."

Head Monk shrugs, and guy comes back 10 years later. "Food bad." The Head Monk just nods.

After 30 years, the guy walks in and doesn't even sit down. "I quit," he tells the Head Monk.

"I'm not surprised," responded the Monk. "You've done nothing but complain since you got here."

Politically Correct Disclaimer

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A New Kind of Democrat

Isn't it Time for a Change?

I am a new kind of Democrat.

I am a Democrat that values *Fiscal Responsibility*, which means paying your bills, reducing your debt, and putting away something for a rainy day. It means bringing your expenses in line with your revenues.

We have been piling up debt in government for too long. It is time we made a clean break with the past and start showing some fiscal discipline. If you are tired of chronic deficits and stale arguments about taxes and cuts then it is time to make a decisive change.

The definition of Insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results.

We all should follow a simple rule. If you learn to live on 98% of your income, you will lead a happy life. But spend 102% of what you take in, and you will always be miserable.

Guess what we've been doing in government? A lot more than 102%. Guess what business executives did at GM and Chrysler? That path leads to ruin. If you want similar results, keep electing the same people who have repeatedly demonstrated a lack of fiscal discipline.

But if you want someone who will cross over the partisan divide and do what is unpopular with special interest groups, I have done that repeatedly. I have the scars to prove it.

My approach may not make electoral sense, but it does make fiscal sense. I am counting on you to recognize and affirm that my approach is valid. If not, I am satisfied I did the right thing.

For a Democrat, I have taken some unpopular votes. I was the only Democrat to vote to scuttle the 3% pay increase to state employees. It was not an easy vote. We signed a contract 3

years ago to grant the increase after an earlier freeze. But the recession hit and the state is broke.

I had the choice to cheapen my word, and break the agreement, or to spend money we don't have and put us further in debt.

I chose to deny the raise. That isn't a good political strategy in a Democratic Primary against an entrenched incumbent. State workers are a large and well-organized constituency. But I believe we all have to sacrifice to extricate ourselves from economic chaos.

So I cast the vote.

I was also the only Democrat in the Senate to vote for the pension reforms for teachers and state employees. I have been accused of being anti-education and anti-teacher, which is suicide in a Democratic Primary election.

But is it unreasonable to say that employees with a defined benefit pension who contribute nothing toward their pension should begin paying 3% of their wage into the system?

Retiree pension and health care costs are going up \$200 million this year. School districts have to pay for that increase at a time we are cutting their funding. Their only choice is to lay people off. By passing the pension reforms, we could freeze schools costs, and pay for it with the employee contribution.

Is that wrong?

Which position is anti-education? The one that lays off employees, increases class sizes, and slashes electives, or the one that saves jobs by making all school employees contribute toward their own retirement benefits?

I made my choice. I hope on August 3rd you will reflect on these options and affirm what I have done.

I will do the same thing if you decide to send me to Washington. We are run-

ning chronic \$trillion deficits in Federal government. Unless we change, there will be a day of reckoning when the bill comes due.

But the current pack of legislators has shown no fiscal discipline. It only takes a few to put partisanship aside and do what is necessary to fix problems. The solutions are usually simple, but they offend special interests and the money that flows from them.

That is why I decided to refuse any PAC money in this campaign. I want you to consider the contrast between me and my way of doing things, and the incumbent and the millions of dollars that go into most congressional campaigns.

Shouldn't the race be decided on how hard someone works and the validity of their ideas, and not on how much money they can accumulate from people with an interest to protect?

Someone has to say no. I am that someone. Will you stand with me?

Vote Switalski For Change August 3rd

These times require fiscal discipline. Thoughtful Democrats should move the party in this direction. It will anger special interests now, but the electorate will eventually reward leaders who restore fiscal order.

Would you rather have someone who says lunch is free?

If you do, I am not your man.

Because I am telling you we can't afford steak, it's going to be peanut butter and jelly, and you have to help do the dishes afterward.

Unlike most politicians, I think people deserve the truth, *especially* when it is unpleasant.

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Jobs

We can rebuild our manufacturing sector by investing in renewable energy. America can not be a world power without an economy that makes things. Many shuttered shops here should be retooled to produce wind turbines and solar components. National Security depends on industrial might and energy independence.

Education

Federal mandates force Michigan and other states to waste millions on useless, time-consuming MEAP testing. I would give states flexibility to buy Iowa or ACT tests off the shelf, saving millions which could be put back into classrooms. We spend \$15 billion in Michigan on education, but we waste millions on testing and duplicative, stealthy, low turnout school elections, and top-heavy administrative costs. Education spending should serve the interests of children, not the adults.

Debt

We can not sustain a Federal Budget process that has put us \$12 trillion in debt. I am co-chair of the Bi-Partisan Fiscal Responsibility Caucus and frequently cross the aisle to enact reforms and revenues. I will bring fiscal discipline and pay as you go budgeting to Washington similar to what the states practice. The current Congress has dismally failed to balance its budget for over a decade. Let's change that.

EXPERIENCE

State Senator, Michigan Senate, 2003-present.

State Representative, Michigan House, 1999-2002.

Macomb County Commissioner, 1993-98.

Roseville City Councilman, 1989-92.

Head of Labor Relations, *Detroit Arsenal Tank Plant*, **General Dynamics**, 1985-93.

EDUCATION

Diploma, *Roseville High School*, 1973.

BA, Classical Languages, **Phi Beta Kappa**, *Louisiana State University*, 1977.

MA, History, *Louisiana State University*, 1981. Minor in Classics, *Duke University*.

Politics, Kings College, *University of Aberdeen, Scotland* ABD, 1982.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

I am Effective—in my first term in the House, no Democrat passed more bills than I did. In the Senate, I passed more bills into law than any other Democrat by a wide margin. I was elected **Caucus Chair** in the House, and appointed **Democratic Leader on Senate Appropriations**, the most powerful committee in the legislature. I introduced more legislation than any member of either party.

I Work Hard—I spend your money like it's my own. **I will take no Federal PAC Money**. I have underspent my budget every year of my legislative career, handing back over \$150,000 to the State Treasurer. A few more like me and we'd have a surplus.

I Fix Problems—I was one of 6 legislators who negotiated millions of dollars worth of Executive Order cuts that balanced the 2009 budget. I cast the deciding vote on the package of cuts, reforms, and revenues that ended the government shutdown of 2007. I sponsored the bill that saved County Revenue Sharing for 10 years while saving the state \$200 million a year. I authored the compromise that ended the cigarette tax stalemate of 2006. When all around me are shoutin' and bawlin' and losing their heads, I get things done. Put me in Wash-

ington, and I'll get you results.

ELECT

Michael Switalski to US Congress