

MAPPS PAC Announces Candidate Support in November 4 Election

The MAPPS Political Action Committee (MAPPS PAC) today announced it has provided \$43,000 in support for 39 candidates running for the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives on November 4.

“MAPPS strongly endorses these candidates based on their records on geospatial and general business issues, committee assignments, leadership positions, and the status of their election campaigns,” said MAPPS Executive Director and PAC Treasurer John Palatiello. “This cycle, we continued our implementation of a comprehensive process of candidate evaluation, input from our members, and staff analysis.” Palatiello added, “The candidates we are supporting are those we recommend to our members in their respective districts and states on Election Day. We also remind our members that if they are traveling on Election Day, they should be sure to vote absentee before departing.”



(L to R) Rep. Pete Sessions (R-TX), Kansas State Treasurer Lynn Jenkins, Candidate for Congress, and MAPPS Executive Director John

"The MAPPS PAC is a bi-partisan PAC that supports Republicans and Democrats who have records of demonstrated support for the private geospatial community and our free enterprise system, and responsiveness to MAPPS members," said G. Michael Ritchie, (Photo Science, Inc., Lexington, KY), MAPPS PAC Chairman. Also serving on the MAPPS Political Action Committee is Pat Olson (Aerometric, Inc., Sheboygan, WI) and Ken Fleming (Tenix LADS Corp., Louisville, KY).

The following candidates received financial support from the MAPPS PAC.

- Senator John Barrasso (R-WY)
- Senator Norm Coleman (R-MN)
- Senator Susan Collins (R-ME)
- Senator John Cornyn (R-TX)
- Senator James Inhofe (R-OK)
- Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY)
- Senator Jack Reed (D-RI)
- Senate Candidate James Risch (R-ID), open seat
- Representative Michele Bachmann (R-MN)
- Representative Marsha Blackburn (R-TN)
- Representative Bruce Braley (D-IA)
- Representative Henry Brown (R-SC)
- Representative John Culberson (R-TX)
- Representative Charlie Dent (R-PA)
- Representative John Duncan (R-TN)
- Representative Tom Feeney (R-FL)
- Representative Trent Franks (R-AZ)
- Representative Jane Harman (D-CA)
- Representative Ruben Hinojosa (D-TX)
- Representative Pete Hoekstra (R-MI)
- Representative Ron Kind (D-WI)
- Representative Jack Kingston (R-GA)
- Representative Randy Kuhl (R-NY)
- Representative Doug Lamborn (R-CO)
- Representative Don Manzullo (R-IL)
- Representative John Mica (R-FL)
- Representative Marilyn Musgrave (R-CO)
- Representative Jim Oberstar (D-MN)
- Representative Tom Petri (R-WI)
- Representative Nick Rahall (D-WV)
- Representative Pete Sessions (R-TX)
- Representative Christopher Shays (R-CT)
- Representative Nydia Velasquez (D-NY)
- Representative Don Young (R-AK)
- House Candidate John Gard (R-WI), challenger
- House Candidate Lynn Jenkins (R-KS), challenger
- House Candidate Anne Northup (R-KY), challenger
- House Candidate Brett Guthrie (R-KY), open seat
- House Candidate Erik Paulsen (R-MN), open seat
- House Candidate Darren White (R-NM), open seat

The PAC is the legal, ethical and professional way for membership organizations, such as MAPPS to engage in our great political process. The MAPPS PAC is a separate, segregated political fund that does

NOT use dues money. The MAPPS PAC accepts voluntary, personal contributions from individual MAPPS Member Firm principals and executives to support candidates for Federal office who support the geospatial community and the free enterprise system. Under the Federal Election Campaign Act (FECA), the statute that governs the financing of federal elections, groups such as trade and professional associations can form committees to collect voluntary, individual contributions from members in a pool to make contributions from those committees to candidates for Federal office. MAPPS must rely on the generous, voluntary, personal contributions of individual executives from its member firms.