



**ILLINOIS DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CHAIRS' ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 13, 2021
CONDUCTED ONLINE VIA ZOOM
AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Guest Speakers
 - a. *Attorney General Kwame Raoul*
 - b. *Peter Schurman, Contest Every Race*
4. President's Report
5. Secretary's Report
 - a. *Approval of minutes from August 7, 2021, General Membership Meeting*
6. Treasurer's Report
 - a. *Approval of Treasurer's Report from August 2021 – October 2021*
7. Executive Director's Report
8. Old Business
 - a. County Chairs' Brunch Recap
 - b. Fall Brews Young Professionals Reception Recap
 - c. Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy
9. New Business
 - a. Appointment of At Large Executive Board Members
 - b. Recruitment / GOTV / Slate / Vote By Mail mailers & templates
 - c. Election Judge Recruitment & Digital Ads
 - d. 2022 IDCCA Dates
 - e. 2022 General Election Turnout Projections
10. Adjourn



Code of Conduct

The Illinois Democratic County Chairs' Association is committed to providing an environment free from discrimination and harassment. We ask all meeting participants to embrace our values of equity and equality and conduct themselves in this meeting consistent with those values. President Zahorik has assigned two designees as the first point of contact for anyone who thinks they have experienced discriminatory, harassing or otherwise unacceptable behavior. We urge you to contact a designee if you have any concerns.

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SATURDAY AUGUST 7, 2021
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MINUTES

Attendance – Executive Board

President Kristina Zahorik, (McHenry) via proxy	Vice President Billy Halstead, (Peoria)	Vice President Terry Redman (DeWitt)
Vice President Jay Briney (Mason)	Vice President Charlie Laskonis (Winnebago)	Vice President Paul (Snow) Herkert (Calhoun)
Vice President Pam Davidson (Knox)	Vice President Mike Barone (Jackson)	Secretary Pam Monetti (Macoupin)
At Large Member Cynthia Borbias (DuPage)	At Large Member Dan Sidwell (Bond) via proxy	Executive Director Dan Kovats
Assistant Executive Director Jillian Hawkins		

Attendance – General Membership

Katherine Daniels, Adams	Wendy LaFauce, Boone	Rick Wilkin, Bureau
Kimberly Hance, Cass	Craig McNary, Clark	John Spencer, Clay
Robert Brandkamp, Clinton	Mac White, Coles	Kori Rempfer, DeKalb
Rocky Warner, Douglas	Jackie Knackmus, Edwards	David Seiler, Effingham
Al McDowell, Fayette	Daryle Coleman, Fulton	Richard Joyce, Grundy
Dustin Wells, Iroquois	Robert Alexander, Jasper	Julie Gondar, Kendall
Lauren Beth Gash, Lake	Dan Hobart, Livingston	Rob Schnicker, Marion
Patrick Cortesi, McLean	Brian Short, Menard	Jan Occhi, Mercer



Scot Luchtefeld, Monroe	Dana Ryan, Morgan via proxy	Tim Singer, Moultrie
Christine Ballard, Ogle	Sheila Maloney, Piatt	Chauntelle Biagi-Bruer (Putnam)
Greg Mullinax, Richland	Bill Houlihan, Sangamon via proxy	Mitchell Esslinger, Shelby
Diana Frazier Brenneman, Vermilion	Rena Bever, Wabash	Steven Buban, Warren
Fidencio Hooper-Campos, Whiteside	Nora Gruenberg, Will	Junius Rodriguez, Woodford

- 1) Meeting was called to order at 12:05pm by Vice President Terry Redman.
- 2) The following proxies have been submitted for the purpose of voting:
 - a. Kristina Zahorik (McHenry) gives proxy to Terry Redman (DeWitt)
 - b. Dan Sidwell (Bond) gives proxy to Mandy Sidwell – Alternate
 - c. Bill Houlihan (Sangamon) gives proxy to Terry Redman (DeWitt)
 - d. Dana Ryan (Morgan) gives proxy to Judy Nelson - Alternate
- 3) Vice President Redman led the organization in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 4) Vice President Redman introduced the guest speakers for the meeting.
 - a. *Barbara Moore, Executive Director of the Democratic Municipal Officials (DMO) Association.*
 - i. Executive Director Moore introduced herself and DMO. DMO is a sister organization of the Democratic Governor’s Association, the Democratic Attorney’s General Association, and others under the Democratic National Committee. DMO represents all the Democratic municipal officials like mayors, city council, village trustees, etc.
 - ii. Spoke about establishing a strong chapter in Illinois. Highlighted Leadership Circle Member & DMO National Board Member Gilbert Villegas.
 - iii. Spoke about ways that IDCCA and DMO can work together. Asked Chairs to tap 1 – 2 municipal officials within every county to join DMO.
 - iv. Asked Chairs to flag candidates who are running that could use DMO support.
 - v. Took questions from the membership.



- vi. Introduced Alderman Villegas to speak more about DMO.
 - b. *Chicago Alderman Gilbert Villegas (36th Ward), IDCCA Leadership Circle Member, National Board Member – Democratic Municipal Officials Association*
 - i. Spoke about building a partnership with the IDCCA, the Democratic Party of Illinois, and DMO with the goal of electing Democrats throughout the state.
 - ii. Spoke about DMO being the “bench” for the Democratic Party. Looking to identify 1 – 2 municipal officials in every county.
 - iii. Announced a DMO Reception on Tuesday September 28th as part of the Illinois Municipal League conference. Invited all County Chairs to attend.
- 5) President’s Report
- a. Vice President Redman announced that President Zahorik will deliver her report at the next meeting.
- 6) Secretary’s Report
- a. Secretary Pam Monetti presented the minutes from the May 15, 2021, General Membership Meeting.
 - b. Katherine Daniels (Adams) made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Christine Ballard (Ogle) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 7) Treasurer’s Report
- a. Treasurer Miller was not able to participate in the meeting but submitted the Treasurer’s Report.
 - b. Patrick Cortesi (McLean) made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report as submitted. Brian Short (Menard) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 8) Executive Director’s Report
- a. Executive Director Dan Kovats thanked the Summer Interns including Franklin Borre, Juliana Fray, Zach Lee, and Emily Wollet.
 - b. Announced two Virtual Training Series sessions including Ballot Access (8/23) and the Elections Legislation Briefing will be rescheduled for September.
 - c. Thanked the Executive Board Members who reviewed and approved the IDCCA Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy. Spoke about the organization push to have all County Chairs sign this policy. To date, 64 County Chairs have signed and returned their Prevention Policy.
 - d. Spoke about the updated Political Director information that was included in the County Chairs Packet. Spoke about the contact information for all four of the Secretary of State candidates. Any Chair that is interested in having any of our elected officials or candidates attend their events should contact the Political Directors directly.



9) Summer Brews Young Professionals Reception

- a. Thanked our co-hosts Greg Bales and Zach Koutsky for their efforts to make the event successful.
- b. Reported that this event was our largest “non-Brunch” event in our history with over 350 people in attendance.
- c. Reported that the organization raised \$21,687.60 for the event.
- d. Announced that this event will continue next year, and the organization will host a fall Young Professionals event.

10) County Chairs’ Brunch

- a. Announced several mitigation measures to make the event safe to attend. These measures include:
 - i. All attendees will be required to wear a mask indoors.
 - ii. Seating will theater style with at least 2 – 3 feet separation to allow for social distancing.
 - iii. Food will individually be wrapped and prepackaged. Food will be placed on every seats. Hot breakfast sandwiches will be available at stations throughout the venue. Bottles of juice and water will be available.
 - iv. There will be hand sanitizer stations at every entrance to the venue.
 - v. Crowne Plaza staff will be wearing masks and gloves throughout the event.
 - vi. Asked everyone to plan on picking up their tickets from the IDCCA office the night before the event. Asked all Chairs to submit the names of all their attendees in advance so they can pick up their own tickets.
 - vii. Asked all County Chairs to be flexible if there are any changes to the mitigation measures.
- b. Spoke about the addition of the IDCCA buttons that identify County Chair, Leadership Circle, Boot Camp Alumni, Labor Leader, Precinct Committeeperson, or Elected Official. This mirrors what takes place at the National Convention.
- c. Spoke about the VIP Reception and invited all County Chairs to participate. This will allow for a sit-down breakfast for all VIPs and Chairs.
- d. Announced that former Randolph County Chair Barb Brown and former McLean County Chair John Penn will be honored with the Party Builder Awards.
- e. Announced that the Ad Book has set a record for size (64 pages) and amount raised.
- f. Announced that the 50 / 50 Raffle continues to bring in donations. To date, we have sold 111 tickets. Announced that this fundraiser is behind what it has raised in previous years.



- g. Announced that we have expanded merchandise options for the Brunch including “Elect Illinois Dems” t-shirts, our annual “Brunch” shirt, and a donkey kicking COVID buttons.
 - h. Announced that Boone’s Saloon has been placed on the “Do Not Patronize List” by the Springfield & Central Illinois Trades & Labor Council.
 - i. Announced the financial totals for the event to date:
 - i. County Chairs’ Brunch – Pledges - \$260,972
 - ii. County Chairs’ Brunch – Cash in - \$166,897
 - iii. Ad Book – Pledges – \$25,075
 - iv. Ad Book – Cash in – \$19,975
 - v. 50 / 50 Raffle – Cash in – \$5,550
 - vi. Merchandise – no sales until the event
- 11) Meeting was adjourned at 1:10pm.



August 2021 Treasurer's Report – Federal PAC

1. State the beginning balance:

Date: August 1, 2021

Balance: \$35,286.04

2. Indicate money received:

Amount: \$8,770.00 from Various Donors (County Chairs' Brunch)

Amount: \$1,825.00 from Various Donors (Ad Book)

Amount: \$647.00 from Various Donors (Digital)

Amount: \$500.00 from Shawn Zedric-Doscotch (General Donation)

Total Contributions: \$11,742.00

3. State the main expenses:

Amount: \$2,500.00 to Jon Ossoff for US Senate (Contribution)

Amount: \$500.00 to Nelson Wurth Consulting (Compliance)

Amount: \$61.28 to ActBlue (Online Donation Processing)

Total Disbursements: \$3,061.28

4. Indicate closing balance:

Date: August 31, 2021

Balance: \$43,966.76

Prepared by: 

Reviewed by: 

Date: 9/22/21

Date: 9/22/21

Accepted by: 
Brittany S. Miller (Sep 27, 2021 10:12 CDT)

Date: 09/27/2021



August 2021 Treasurer's Report – State PAC

1. State the beginning balance:

Date: August 1, 2021

Balance: \$302,558.57

2. Indicate money received (contributions to events or programs):

Amount: <u>\$175,815.00</u>	from	<u>Various Donors (2021 County Chairs' Brunch)</u>
Amount: <u>\$6,825.00</u>	from	<u>Various Donors (2021 Ad Book)</u>
Amount: <u>\$4,800.00</u>	from	<u>Various Donors (2021 Raffle)</u>
Amount: <u>\$2,302.00</u>	from	<u>Various Donors (2021 Brunch Merchandise)</u>
Amount: <u>\$1,052.05</u>	from	<u>Various Donors (YP / Digital / Web Store)</u>

Total Contributions: \$190,794.05

3. State the main expenses:

Amount: <u>\$29,291.90</u>	to	<u>Various Expenses (2021 County Chairs' Brunch)</u>
Amount: <u>\$15,263.68</u>	to	<u>Consulting</u>
Amount: <u>\$11,310.73</u>	to	<u>Payroll</u>
Amount: <u>\$7,550.00</u>	to	<u>Campaign Donations</u>
Amount: <u>\$4,825.00</u>	to	<u>2021 Raffle (Payout)</u>
Amount: <u>\$3,350.00</u>	to	<u>2021 Ad Book (Printing)</u>
Amount: <u>\$3,140.00</u>	to	<u>Various Expenses (postage, printing, utilities, website, etc.)</u>
Amount: <u>\$2,730.00</u>	to	<u>2021 Brunch Merchandise (Printing)</u>
Amount: <u>\$1,575.49</u>	to	<u>Online Donation Processing</u>

Total Disbursements: \$79,036.80

4. Indicate closing balance:

Date: August 31, 2021

Balance: \$414,315.82

Prepared by: _____

Reviewed by: _____

Date: 9/22/21

Date: 9/22/21

Accepted by: Brittany S. Miller

Date: 09/27/2021



September 2021 Treasurer's Report – Federal PAC

1. State the beginning balance:

Date: September 1, 2021

Balance: \$43,966.76

2. Indicate money received:

Amount: \$989.00 from Various Donors (Digital)

Amount: \$60.00 from Various Donors (County Chairs' Brunch)

Total Contributions: \$1,049.00

3. State the main expenses:

Amount: \$3,905.28 to Crowne Plaza Springfield (County Chairs' Brunch)

Amount: \$500.00 to Nelson Wurth Consulting (Compliance)

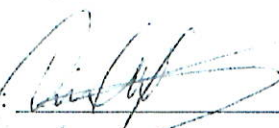
Amount: \$44.84 to ActBlue (Online Donation Processing)

Total Disbursements: \$4,450.12

4. Indicate closing balance:

Date: September 30, 2021


Balance: \$40,565.64

Prepared by: 

Reviewed by: 

Date: 10/19/21

Date: 10/19/21

Accepted by: 
Brittany S. Miller (Oct 20, 2021 17:18 CDT)

Date: 10/20/21



September 2021 Treasurer's Report – State PAC

1. State the beginning balance:

Date: September 1, 2021

Balance: \$414,315.82

2. Indicate money received (contributions to events or programs):

Amount: <u>\$8,700.00</u>	from	<u>Various Donors (2021 County Chairs' Brunch)</u>
Amount: <u>\$530.00</u>	from	<u>Various Donors (2021 Brunch Merchandise)</u>
Amount: <u>\$400.00</u>	from	<u>Various Donors (2021 Ad Book)</u>
Amount: <u>\$171.70</u>	from	<u>Various Donors (Web Store)</u>

Total Contributions: \$9,801.70

3. State the main expenses:

Amount: <u>\$27,934.15</u>	to	<u>Various Expenses (2021 County Chairs' Brunch)</u>
Amount: <u>\$11,310.75</u>	to	<u>Payroll</u>
Amount: <u>\$9,500.00</u>	to	<u>Consulting</u>
Amount: <u>\$5,280.00</u>	to	<u>Campaign Donations</u>
Amount: <u>\$2,700.92</u>	to	<u>Various Expenses (postage, printing, utilities, website, etc.)</u>
Amount: <u>\$798.13</u>	to	<u>Web Store</u>

Total Disbursements: \$57,523.95

4. Indicate closing balance:

Date: September 30, 2021

Balance: \$365,593.57

Prepared by: _____

Date: 10/19/21

Reviewed by: _____

Date: 10/19/21

Accepted by: _____

Date: 10/20/21



October 2021 Treasurer's Report – Federal PAC

1. State the beginning balance:

Date: October 1, 2021

Balance: \$40,565.64

2. Indicate money received:

Amount: \$3,820.00 from Various Donors (Fall Brews YP Reception)

Amount: \$1,348.00 from Various Donors (Digital)

Total Contributions: \$5,218.00

3. State the main expenses:

Amount: \$500.00 to Nelson Wurth Consulting (Compliance)

Amount: \$28.35 to ActBlue (Online Donation Processing)

Total Disbursements: \$528.35

4. Indicate closing balance:

Date: October 31, 2021

Balance: \$45,255.29

Prepared by: _____

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Date: _____

11/3/21

Reviewed by: _____

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Date: _____

11/3/21

Accepted by: _____

Brittany S. Miller

Date: _____

11/04/21



October 2021 Treasurer's Report – State PAC

1. State the beginning balance:

Date: October 1, 2021 Balance: \$365,593.57

2. Indicate money received (contributions to events or programs):

Amount: \$5,000.00 from Prairie PAC (2021 County Chairs' Brunch)
Amount: \$1,140.00 from Various Donors (Fall Brews YP Reception)
Amount: \$253.00 from Various Donors (Digital)
Amount: \$172.45 from Various Donors (Web Store)

Total Contributions: \$6,565.45

3. State the main expenses:

Amount: \$16,848.50 to Payroll
Amount: \$10,000.00 to Contest Every Race (Party Building Activities)
Amount: \$5,000.00 to Consulting
Amount: \$2,700.35 to Travel
Amount: \$2,033.36 to Various Expenses (postage, printing, utilities, website, etc.)
Amount: \$1,500.00 to Rent
Amount: \$1,000.00 to Campaign Donations
Amount: \$952.00 to CampaignTech (tickets)
Amount: \$490.70 to Printing (County Chairs' Brunch)
Amount: \$375.00 to Photography (Fall Brews YP Reception)
Amount: \$250.00 to Services (2022 Trivia Night)

Total Disbursements: \$41,149.91

4. Indicate closing balance:

Date: October 31, 2021 Balance: \$331,009.11

Prepared by: [Signature]
Date: 11/3/21

Reviewed by: [Signature]
Date: 11/3/21

Accepted by: Brittany S. Miller
Brittany S. Miller (Nov 4, 2021 50:32 CDT)
Date: 11/04/21



2021 County Chairs' Brunch Profit & Loss Report

Overall (Brunch / Ad Book / Raffle / Merch)

Raised	\$372,889.00
Spent	\$92,113.50
Net Gain	\$280,775.50

Brunch	\$256,728.64
Ad Book	\$20,150.00
Raffle	\$4,705.00
Merch	-\$808.14

Brunch - Raised

Pledged	\$344,792.00
Raised	\$336,767.00
Outstanding \$\$\$	\$8,025.00

Ad Book - Raised

Pledged	\$25,150.00
Raised	\$23,500.00
Outstanding \$\$\$	\$1,650.00

Brunch - Spent

Invoices Paid	\$80,038.36
Invoices Pending	\$0.00
Total	\$80,038.36

Ad Book - Spent

Invoices Paid	\$3,350.00
Invoices Pending	\$0.00
Total	\$3,350.00

Raffle - Raised

Pledged	\$9,650.00
Raised	\$9,650.00
Outstanding \$\$\$	\$0.00

Merch - Raised

Pledged	\$2,972.00
Raised	\$2,972.00
Outstanding \$\$\$	\$0.00

Raffle - Spent

Invoices Paid	\$4,945.00
Invoices Pending	\$0.00
Total	\$4,945.00

Merch - Spent

Invoices Paid	\$3,780.14
Invoices Pending	\$0.00
Total	\$3,780.14



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2022 Meeting / Event Schedule

- Saturday January 22nd – General Membership Meeting (virtual)
- Saturday February 5th – 1st Annual IDCCA Trivia Night (Springfield)
- Monday March 7th – Party Builder Awards (Chicago)
- Saturday April 16th – Boot Camp (Location TBD)
- Saturday April 16th – General Membership Meeting (in-person @ Boot Camp)
- Monday July 11th – Summer Brews Young Professionals Reception (Chicago)
- Wednesday July 27th – County Convention (statewide)
- Wednesday August 17th – County Chairs' Brunch (Springfield)
- Saturday September 10th – General Membership Meeting / Executive Board Election (Springfield)
- Monday October 10th – Fall Brews Young Professionals Reception (Springfield)



For Immediate Release:
Monday September 27, 2021

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ICYMI: Illinois Congressional Republicans Vote Against Women's Right to Choose

Springfield, IL - Last Friday, [every Illinois Congressional Republican voted against](#) protecting women's reproductive rights when they opposed the [Women's Health Protection Act](#). Illinois Democratic County Chairs Association (IDCCA) President Kristina Zahorik issued the following statement:

“Republicans across the country are attacking women and their reproductive rights. Last week, Kinzinger, Miller, Bost, Lahood, and Davis all failed Illinois women with their opposition to legislation that would protect women’s constitutional right to determine their health care choices.”

“Americans watched Texas Republicans pass an extreme anti-choice law which essentially bans abortion even in cases of rape or incest. This vigilante-esque law hurts women and allows strangers to sue those helping women get the health care they need. When Illinois Congressional Republicans were given an opportunity to protect women from extreme state legislation like that in Texas, they said no. Illinois voters should not forget.”

The [federal legislation that passed on Friday](#) provides a statutory right for health care providers to provide abortion services without limitations such as those passed in Texas, and essentially codifies *Roe v. Wade*.

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For Immediate Release:
Wednesday September 29, 2021

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Congressional Republicans Should Do Their Job, Pay America's Bills

Springfield, IL - Earlier this week, [Senate Republicans voted NO to raise America's debt ceiling](#), which would have enabled the federal government to pay its bills. Illinois Democratic County Chairs Association (IDCCA) President Kristina Zahorik issued the following statement:

"It was no surprise when Mike Bost, Rodney Davis, Adam Kinzinger, Darin LaHood, and Mary Miller [voted to skip out on paying the tab on Donald Trump's \\$8 trillion in debt the other week](#), but we expected *some* leadership from Senate Republicans. We were sorely mistaken."

"Republicans came together in a bi-partisan fashion [three separate times](#) under Donald Trump's presidency to ensure America didn't default on its bills. Republicans voted for Donald Trump's \$2 trillion tax cut to billionaires and corporations, and now they don't want to pay for it. Instead, they grandstand and lie about why they're now voting NO -- it's pure b.s. to obstruct Joe Biden's agenda to invest in America. Shame on them."

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For Immediate Release:
Tuesday October 12, 2021

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Congressional Republicans Skip Out On Their Tab

Illinois Congressional Republicans Won't Raise Debt Ceiling to Pay Trump Debts

Springfield, IL - Today, Illinois Congressional Republicans -- Representatives Rodney Davis, Mike Bost, Mary Miller, Darin LaHood, and Adam Kinzinger -- all voted no to pay our nation's bills. Illinois Democratic County Chairs Association (IDCCA) President Kristina Zahorik issued the following statement:

“When I worked on Senator Paul Simon’s staff, a fiscal conservative, I can remember Republicans in Washington caring about fiscal responsibility, but today sadly is a vastly different day. Representatives Davis, Bost, Miller, LaHood, and Kinzinger proved they are not fiscally responsible, and they just don’t care. They voted against paying the bills incurred under the Trump Administration.”

“Donald Trump added \$7.8 trillion to our national debt during his time in office. Now, Republicans want to skip out on paying for things like veterans benefits, Social Security payments to seniors, and payroll for U.S. service members. Defaulting on our bills is the opposite of fiscal responsibility, but this is the kind of double-speak, blind devotion to one man we have come to expect from our Republican delegation.”

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Tuesday October 26, 2021

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IDCCA LAUNCHES DIGITAL ADS HOLDING REPUBLICAN CONGRESSMEMBERS ACCOUNTABLE FOR SIDING WITH EXTREME TEXAS ABORTION BAN

New Digital Ads Target Mike Bost (12th), Rodney Davis (13th), Mary Miller (15th), Adam Kinzinger (16th), and Darin LaHood (18th) for Voting Against Women's Abortion and Reproductive Rights

Springfield, IL - In its first digital ad campaign of the 2022 cycle, the Illinois Democratic County Chairs Association (IDCCA) announced digital ads targeting Illinois Congressional Republicans -- Representatives Mike Bost, Rodney Davis, Mary Miller, Adam Kinzinger, and Darin LaHood -- for [voting against](#) the [Women's Health Protection Act](#).

IDCCA President Kristina Zahorik issued the following statement:

“Illinois voters need to remember that Mike Bost, Rodney Davis, Mary Miller, Adam Kinzinger, and Darin LaHood all voted against protecting women from laws like the Texas abortion ban which is so extreme it essentially bans abortions even in cases of [rape and incest](#), and places [bounties](#) on women and doctors who seek reproductive care.”

“Women should have the freedom to make their own health care decisions, but it's becoming clear Republican legislators across this country are on the warpath against women's basic right to make their own health care choices. In Illinois, we intend to remind voters that their Republican members of Congress don't trust women and won't protect *Roe v. Wade*.”

The [Women's Health Protection Act](#) provides a statutory right for health care providers to provide abortion services without limitations such as those passed in Texas, and essentially codifies *Roe v. Wade*. The Texas law is currently in [legal limbo](#) pending additional consideration before the U.S. Supreme Court.

The ads will be featured on Facebook for swing voters across the five Illinois Republican Congress Members districts: Rep. Mike Bost (IL-12), Rep. Rodney Davis (IL-13), Rep. Mary Miller (IL-15), Rep. Adam Kinzinger (IL-16), and Rep. Darin LaHood (IL-18).

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Crickets from Republican Illinois Congressmembers on Reported Congressional Collusion on January 6

Springfield, IL -- On Monday Republican Congressman Mo Brooks (R-AL) refuted claims that he conspired with January 6 insurrections, instead suggesting he would be “[proud](#)” of his staff if they helped in the planning of the riot that led to five deaths. While Rep. Adam Kinzinger has supported the January 6 commission and been critical of Republicans like Rep. Brooks, Congressmembers Mike Bost, Rodney Davis, Mary Miller, and Darin LaHood have all been silent. President Kristina Zahorik of the Illinois Democratic County Chairs Association (IDCCA) released the following statement:

“The silence of Mike Bost, Rodney Davis, Mary Miller, and Darin Lahood speaks volumes. While extreme conspirators like Mo Brooks and Marjorie Taylor Green celebrate the violent January 6th insurrection that led to five deaths, Illinois Republicans remain silent and cower at the fear of reprisal from the insurrection’s leader, Donald Trump.”

“Mike Bost and Mary Miller believe the big lie, going as far as voting to object to counting electoral college votes. Bost, Miller, and Lahood [wouldn’t even support](#) the commission to investigate the January 6 insurrection. We call on all of them to condemn remarks of the likes of Mo Brooks and speak out in defense of democracy.”

In June, Mary Miller was one of 21 House Republicans to [vote NO to honor the fallen Capitol police officers](#) who lost their lives as the result of January 6.

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HOLD ILLINOIS REPUBLICAN CONGRESSMEMBERS ACCOUNTABLE IF SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS EXTREME TEXAS ABORTION BAN

*All Illinois Republican Congressmembers Voted Against Women's Abortion and
Reproductive Rights, Issue At Stake Before U.S. Supreme Court*

Springfield, IL - [Today, the U.S. Supreme Court is hearing oral arguments concerning Texas' law banning most abortions in the state.](#) In September, Illinois Congressional Republicans -- Representatives Mike Bost, Rodney Davis, Mary Miller, Adam Kinzinger, and Darin LaHood -- all [voted against](#) the [Women's Health Protection Act](#) which would protect access to abortion across the country and pre-empt restrictions like those passed in Texas. IDCCA President Kristina Zahorik issued the following statement:

“As the highest court in the land debates the anti-woman, extreme abortion ban passed in Texas, we want to remind Illinois voters that Mike Bost, Rodney Davis, Mary Miller, Adam Kinzinger, and Darin LaHood all voted against protecting women from laws like the Texas ban, which is so extreme it essentially bans abortions even in cases of [rape and incest](#), and places [bounties](#) on doctors and women who seek reproductive health care.”

“The Supreme Court's ruling would impact the precedent set by *Roe v Wade*, and so we intend to continue to remind voters that their Republican members of Congress don't trust women and won't protect their lawful rights.”

The [Women's Health Protection Act](#) provides a statutory right for health care providers to provide abortion services without limitations such as those passed in Texas, and essentially codifies *Roe v. Wade*.

Last week, [the IDCCA launched their first digital ads of the 2022 cycle, highlighting Republican votes against reproductive rights.](#) The ads are targeting swing voters across the five Illinois Republican Congress Members districts: Rep. Mike Bost (IL-12), Rep. Rodney Davis (IL-13), Rep. Mary Miller (IL-15), Rep. Adam Kinzinger (IL-16), and Rep. Darin LaHood (IL-18).

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DARREN BAILEY IS A PHONY, ANTI-WORKER

Springfield, IL - Yesterday, Senator Darren Bailey -- Republican candidate for Governor with a [zero percent Illinois AFL-CIO rating](#) -- stopped by a UAW union picket line. IDCCA President Kristina Zahorik issued the following statement:

“Watching Republicans like Darren Bailey constantly gaslight Illinoisians is like living in the Twilight Zone -- what’s up is down, and what’s fact is fiction. Let’s be clear to Illinois workers: Darren Bailey has a zero percent lifetime rating from the Illinois AFL-CIO, and he opposed letting voters have their say at the ballot box over whether we should constitutionally protect workers’ rights -- like those UAW members -- to collectively bargain.”

“Illinois Democrats and the IDCCA stand with our union brothers and sisters at John Deere, and we support their right to collectively bargain. We can’t let Darren Bailey lie to us, and voters need to remember he’s full of BS.”

As [reported by Mark Maxwell](#) of WCIA, Darren Bailey voted against putting the workers’ rights amendment on the ballot in 2022.

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