



## Partners Toolkit for September 2006

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Citizens for Global Solutions  
Partners Nationwide Teleconference

-Mid-Term Elections-

Saturday, September 9th, 2006  
1:00pm Eastern time

Dial: 800-391-2548  
Verbal password: V A 3 1 7 8 5 5

Speakers

- Drew J. Asson, Deputy Director of Government Relations, Citizens for Global Solutions
- Scott T. Paul, Campaigns Manager, Citizens for Global Solutions

Agenda:

- Bolton Update
- Mid-Term Elections

Here are some useful tips regarding how to access the call:

- Participants should dial in 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time.
- When dialing in, the host and participants should hold the line for an operator.
- Participants will verbally give their password to the operator.
- All hosts should identify themselves accordingly to the operator when they dial in.
- Operators will take the city, state and number of people in the room and place them into the Main Conference.

## Mid-Term Elections

The November mid-term Congressional elections are less than 12 weeks away. These are the most exciting Congressional elections in over a decade, and this year holds more competitive races than we've ever seen before. A slew of retirements and at-risk incumbents are making people inside and outside the Beltway almost giddy with excitement. Change is in the air!

What's even more exciting is that there are serious challengers, striving to get to Capitol Hill, who believe in the United Nations, support the U.S. working with the International Criminal Court, and who want to do something right now about climate change. As if that's not enough, these people are running against some of the most outspoken incumbent critics of engaging with our allies to build peace, justice and freedom in a democratically governed world.

Some shining challengers in the House are Gabrielle Giffords in Arizona, John Sarbanes in Maryland, and Lois Murphy in Pennsylvania. Senate contenders this fall look like the next class of global leaders, from Claire McCaskill in Missouri to Bernie Sanders in Vermont and Jon Tester in Montana.

That's not to say that we should *throw all the bums out*. There are many global leaders in Congress now and we'd like to keep them there. Some of these leaders in the House are Allyson Schwartz (D-PA 13), Jim Leach (R-IA 02), Tammy Baldwin (D-WI 02), and Frank Wolf (R-VA 10). In the Senate, we have Foreign Relations Committee chair Dick Lugar (R-IN), Maria Cantwell (D-WA), and Herb Kohl (D-WI).

Citizens for Global Solutions, and its affiliated political action committee, Global Solutions PAC, have been following these pivotal elections since the end of 2005. As many of you already know, we created our candidate questionnaire at the beginning of 2006 and have been sending it to challengers across the country. Thanks to your hard work sending these "CQs" to candidates in your area, we've received 61 responses, which is a 60% increase over the total number returned in the 2004 elections. Thank you for this seemingly obscure but fundamentally important work.

For more information on candidates we've supported and election analysis, visit our website at [www.globalsolutions.org/elections](http://www.globalsolutions.org/elections). To see our endorsed candidates, you can go to: <http://www.globalsolutions.org/elections/PAC/races06.asp?action=endorsed>. To see candidates we've contributed to, visit: <http://www.globalsolutions.org/elections/PAC/races06.asp?action=contrib>. To see the stunning array of challengers that we believe share our values, check out: <http://www.globalsolutions.org/elections/PAC/races06.asp?action=challenger>. And, of course, to see the results of your hard efforts getting CQs out there, you can view the responses we received at: <http://www.globalsolutions.org/elections/PAC/races06.asp?action=cq>.

And for something to do that isn't in front of your computer, tune in to the Partners call on September 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM Eastern time. I'll be giving an update about the elections and our candidates.

Back in March, we asked you to send our candidate questionnaire out to candidates in your area. For September, I think we have something a little more exciting that will be more fun than forwarding an email or dropping off a raft of papers.

We're calling it our Global Solutions Commitment. This is a commitment between you and our endorsed candidates. We're asking that you do one or more of the following activities for the Senators we've endorsed in your state or an endorsed Member of the House of Representatives.

- Host a coffee for the candidate to discuss a more cooperative U.S. foreign policy
- Host a "house party" fundraiser for the candidate
- Volunteer to help out the campaign, e.g. via working at a campaign office, knocking on doors, making telephone calls, or other volunteer campaign activities
- Encourage your friends to go out and vote in the elections on November 7<sup>th</sup> (and in a primary if yours hasn't occurred yet).

Now, a commitment requires two parties. The other party is the candidate. What we'd like you to do is ask them if, in return for doing one or more of the above activities, the candidate will pledge to have a photo taken of you and him/her. In that photo, we'd like the candidate to hold up a sign that we'll provide that says "Candidates for Global Solutions". You can tell the candidate that the photo will be embargoed until after the November elections, and it will only be used if the candidate wins. We'll display these photographs of you and the candidate at our annual meeting. Once the candidate says that s/he will do this, contact Sara at the national office and she will get you the sign along with a nice CGS button that you can wear in the picture! This year, our annual event is being held in Washington, DC over Veterans' Day weekend.

Additionally, we'd like you to ask the candidate to thank Citizens for Global Solutions during his/her election night speech. It doesn't have to be a five-minute thank you, but if s/he can mention Citizens for Global Solutions as one of the many organizations that helped his/her election effort, that would be phenomenal.

So, what are the actual steps? I'd say it's pretty simple:

1. Go to our website to see if there is an endorsed Senator or Representative for your state or district: <http://www.globalsolutions.org/elections/candidates.html>
2. If there is, and there likely will be someone in your Partners group with a connection to an endorsed candidate, then choose an activity from the above list that best suits your abilities and desires to help out a campaign.
3. Contact the campaign and ask to talk with their community outreach / public affairs / field director. Tell them who you are, that you're a member of Citizens for Global Solutions, and that we've endorsed their candidacy for the House or Senate.
4. Tell the campaign about our Global Solutions Commitment project and see if the campaign is willing to participate. Be clear that any photograph would not be used prior to the election.

5. Contact us at the National Office and we'll get a nice banner created that has "Candidates for Global Solutions". We'll ship it out to you as soon as possible.
6. Do one of the activities, get the photo (preferably with a digital camera), and send the photo in to us.

Candidates love potential voters. You, our Partners in the field, are the most important people to candidates. We at the National Office can endorse candidates and support their races from DC, but it's real people like you, in their states and districts, that drive the democratic process in this country and motivate candidates. We're hoping to win big this fall, winning big for a better world: a better U.S. foreign policy, a better environment, and more justice throughout the world. We want to work with these candidates when they're elected and your efforts in the field build that relationship for you and for us.

Thank you!

(Special thanks to Drew Asson for putting this entire Partners Mailing together!!!)

## Monthly Report of Your Accomplishments for July/August

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Leader \_\_\_\_\_

*What is your chapter working on? How are your events and meetings going?*

*Have you carried out any of the July/August projects?*

*Have you worked on any of the additional activities surrounding John Bolton's nomination to continue as our U.N. ambassador?*

*If so, what did you like about the projects and what didn't you like?*

*Do you feel this project made a difference?*

*Is there anything the national office can help you with?*

*Have you written any LTEs? Were they printed?*

***\*\*Please remember that you don't have to do ALL of the projects, but please do let me know about which ones you have chosen to work on.\*\****

Letters to the editor and op-eds *(Please note them here even if you are enclosing copies)*

Total Submitted	Total Printed	Type: LTE, op-ed	Topic	Written By	Paper	Date It Ran

Other Political or Media Activities Your Chapter Engaged In

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*Use another sheet if necessary to continue your report. Please detach and return to Sara Bodenberg by September 15th so your accomplishments can be published in the next mailing.*

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## News from the Field

- On August 22<sup>nd</sup>, Lee Davis, of our **Maine Chapter** got her LTE on John Bolton published in the Bangor Daily News! Congratulations!
- Over the past month, our **Pittsburgh Chapter** has been busy lobbying both their Senators and their Representative on Darfur. Keep up the great work!
- Ron Glossop of our **St. Louis Chapter** recently delivered a Global Solutions PAC contribution to Claire McCaskill's campaign. She is running against incumbent Jim Talent (R-MO).

**Every day, you are changing the world!**