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**To: Interested Parties**  
**From: Lake Research Partners**  
**Re: 2010 Election Victories**  
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We are proud to have worked with a group of such dedicated, principled, and talented public servants this past cycle. For a long time, it has been no secret that 2010 would be an exceptionally difficult political environment, yet our campaigns remained steadfast in their commitment to fight for people and against an opposition determined to exploit the inequities of the political and economic systems to their own benefit. Our victories went against what was the conventional wisdom and the Republican tide; and without exception, our candidates fought with grace, class, and conviction.

We'd especially like to congratulate the following candidates on their victories. All results are accurate as of press time:

- **Congressman Russ Carnahan (MO-03)** won re-election against an aggressive and extreme Tea Party challenger: 49% to 47%.
- **Congressman Gerry Connolly (VA-11)** was re-elected, (though this may go to a recount). Connolly, who was first elected to Congress in 2008, won re-election against Keith Fimian. Connolly won this year's rematch with 49% of the vote.
- **Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11)** was able to overcome a Republican turnout advantage and a toxic anti-incumbent environment to make this race one of the closest in country. While the final outcome is not yet certain, we remain

hopeful that McNerney will be re-elected by the narrowest of margins.

- **Congresswoman Chellie Pingree** (ME-01) fought off a tough right-wing challenger supported and funded by Tea Party activists and won: 57% to 43%.
- **Congressman Kurt Schrader** (OR-5) was re-elected in this swing district in a very tight race against a formidable opponent, Scott Bruun, whose campaign was extremely well funded by outside interests.
- **Congressman Steve Cohen** (TN-09) won a landslide victory: 74% to 25%.
- **Congresswoman Donna Edwards** (MD-04) won a landslide re-election victory: 84% to 16%.
- **Congressman Jesse Jackson, Jr.** won his reelection bid. Jackson Junior was returned to Congress with 80% of the vote.
- **Congressman Hank Johnson** easily defeated a Tea Party candidate with 75% of the vote to win a third term representing Georgia's 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District in a state that was swept by Republicans at the top of the ticket.
- **Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur** (OH-09) defeated the John Boehner-endorsed, and heralded "Young Gun" by Eric Cantor challenger who had participated in Nazi re-enactments: 59% to 41%.
- **Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee** (TX-18) was victorious in her reelection campaign, she garnered 70% of the vote.
- **Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney** (NY-14) defeated her opponent in a landslide victory: 75% to 22%.
- **Congressman Steve Rothman** (NJ-09) was re-elected for an 8<sup>th</sup> term: 61% to 38%.
- **Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky** (IL-09) defeated her self-proclaimed "Tea Party Republican" opponent: 66% to 32%.
- **Congresswoman Louise Slaughter** (NY-28) was re-elected: 66% to 34%.
- Illinois **Attorney General Lisa Madigan** was re-elected 65% to 32%, receiving the second-most votes of all Democrats running statewide in Illinois.
- New Mexico **Attorney General Gary King** won re-election despite the difficulty other Democrats faced getting elected statewide: 53% to 47%.

- New Mexico **State Auditor Hector Balderas** weathered a tough political environment and was re-elected: 54% to 46%.
- Incoming Connecticut **State Comptroller Kevin Lembo** won: 53% to 43%.
- LRP was involved in two different independent expenditure campaigns; one that helped reelect **Senator Harry Reid** in Nevada and another that helped **Congressman Nick Rahall** in West Virginia.
- Lake Research Partners has a long history working with the Humane Society of the United States, and that successful relationship continued this year when the **HSUS-backed Prop B** passed in Missouri with nearly 52% support. Prop. B focused on ending abuses at puppy mills, set limits for the number of dogs a breeder could, own and added regulations for increased access to food, water, shelter, and exercise for those dogs used primarily for breeding.
- In addition to the success in Missouri, LRP and HSUS teamed-up to defeat **Prop 109 in Arizona**. Prop 109 aimed to make hunting and fishing a Constitutional right and to take wildlife management issues out of the control of experts and scientists and instead grant the power to handle these issues to the state legislature.
- In Montana, Lake Research Partners helped pass **I-164**, which sets caps for how much interest payday and car-title loan centers could charge borrowers. It passed overwhelmingly with 72% support.