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Congressional Candidate Anne Wolfe (NJ-05) leads Democratic Candidate Delegation in meetings with the DCCC and Washington PACs.

Democratic congressional candidates from across the country joined together to lead three days of Washington meetings on September 13, 14 and 15, 2005. The meetings culminated with a meeting with DCCC leadership on Sept. 15. The candidate delegation consisted of 11 candidates from 8 states, representing 35 candidates in 20 states. The meetings were an unprecedented coming together of Democratic challengers with the Democratic Party leadership in Washington.

The candidates also met with PAC leadership of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Communication Workers of America, the United Electricians, and 21st Century Democrats. The delegation was formed through the combined efforts of DCCPAC, the November-Victory online ListServ, and the candidate leadership. The candidate leadership included Steve Porter, Anne Wolfe, and Tim Bagwell.

Candidates included Jack Jackson, Jr. AZ-01, David Bruderly FL-06, David Gill IL-15, Tim Bagwell IL-19, Jack Flynn NC-09, Anne Wolfe NJ-5, Andrew Duck MD-06, Scott Elliott MI-06, Steve Porter PA-03, Paul Politis PA-09, and Tom Kovach PA-18. Most of the candidates at the meetings also ran in 2004.

Anne Wolfe, NJ 5, garnered 41.6% of the vote in 2004 -- the largest percentage for a Democratic challenger in the district in over 25 years. Anne was endorsed by all three major newspapers in the district and created an on-the-ground force of volunteers that are ready to work hard in 2006 to win. It is time to change the direction in Washington and Anne Wolfe is already running hard. Anne Wolfe believes Democrats must regain a majority in the House of Representatives and put it back in the hands of the hard working people of America, whose voices have been silenced by the loyal followers of President Bush and the far-right of the Republican

Party.

The candidates sat shoulder to shoulder with DCCC and PAC leadership in open discussions on re-taking the U.S. House in 2006. At the DCCC the candidates met with Congressman Rahm Emmanuel, the DCCC chairman, and the key management staff of the DCCC. Congressman Emmanuel spoke of the challenges facing the party and the candidates. Emmanuel noted the role of all the candidates as "agents of change" within the Party's "campaign for change." Emmanuel promised support for all candidates. The DCCC accepted a draft of a proposed party platform from the candidates. In break-out meetings with DCCC staff, the candidates established channels for that support with the DCCC staff.

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