



TO: Interested Parties

FROM: NRCC

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RE: Six Months Until Election Day: Republicans Are Winning

With six months until Election Day, Republicans have the money, the message, and the momentum. House Republicans are united by President Trump's leadership, battle-tested, and rapidly building the financial and political strength needed to defend our majority and take the fight directly to Democrats' extreme agenda.

Fundraising Advantage

The NRCC outraised the DCCC in Q1 and maintains a cash-on-hand advantage, another dominant showing that builds on the strongest start to a cycle in over a decade. After breaking a 10-year record last year by outraising the DCCC, Republicans are extending that advantage in 2026 with \$78.2 million on hand after the first quarter, ahead of the \$55.9 million at this point in 2024 and the DCCC's \$69.9 million on hand.

The fundraising success goes beyond the NRCC, reflecting a fully aligned operation led by President Trump and House Republican leadership as well as outside partners. Between the NRCC's financial advantage, President Trump's MAGA Inc. having \$347 million on hand, CLF's \$91.4 million on hand, and the RNC's \$116 million on hand, Republicans are in a strong financial position with six months until election day.

This strength and partnership were on full display at the NRCC President's Dinners in 2025 and 2026, where, thanks to President Trump, the NRCC raised more than \$35 million at each event for the Committee, members, and candidates, historic hauls that underscore the energy behind our effort. This is proof of a motivated donor base, a unified message, and the kind of financial firepower required to compete and win in the most competitive districts in the country.

Put simply: Republicans have the financial edge to go on offense, protect our incumbents, and expand the majority. This sustained momentum reflects growing enthusiasm behind a Republican agenda focused on lowering costs and keeping Americans safe, while Democrats' lagging numbers signal a disengaged and shrinking donor base.



Strong Incumbents with the Resources to Win

For the fifth quarter in a row, NRCC Patriots have [dominated](#) the DCCC's Frontliners in fundraising. On average, these Republicans raised \$1.2 million with \$3.5 million on hand. By contrast, Democrats raised less than \$1 million, with \$2.4 million on hand.

Republican candidates are building large war chests and are well-equipped for battle heading into November's election, while Democrats increasingly fall behind. The House Republican leadership team has been an invaluable asset to Republican candidates, helping drive dollars into these campaigns, increasing visibility for key races, and ensuring voters will read, see, and hear our message.

The NRCC is already on offense, contacting voters, and building robust operations in key districts. Beyond recruiting strong candidates and partners, the NRCC has invested heavily in our Battlestation Program to build on our 2024 success, investing and engaging on the ground in key districts earlier than ever before.

The Battlestation Program will continue to grow, with more than 20 offices across the country already open, with more opening in the coming weeks. These efforts help candidates sharpen campaigns and drive turnout through sustained voter contact.

Candidates That Fit Their Districts and Will Take The Fight to Democrats

Across the country, we're expanding the map with candidates who reflect their districts and are ready to fight for them. By working hand in hand with President Trump, we've recruited battle-tested leaders who are ready to take the fight to vulnerable Democrats.

The first 17 candidates in our [MAGA Majority](#) program prove we are investing in America First candidates by equipping them with the early support, strategic resources, and visibility needed to win against their out of touch Democrat opponents.

Each of these candidates has been rigorously vetted, battle-tested, and earned the endorsements of President Trump and Speaker Johnson, underscoring a unified Republican team aligned from the top down. This isn't just symbolic; it reflects a coordinated strategy among President Trump and his team and House Republicans to recruit candidates who fit their districts and can win tough races.

As has been [widely reported](#), the President and his political operation are scaling up travel into key battleground states and districts, driving turnout among the Trump coalition while expanding outreach to critical swing voters who will decide the majority.



The Political Environment

The broader political environment reinforces a clear trend: voters are increasingly breaking toward Republicans. NRCC internal polling in competitive battleground districts conducted in April found the generic ballot at +2%, and the named ballot showed Republican members and challengers leading by an average of 3%.

48% of voters [rate](#) the economy as “strong,” up significantly from 36% just two years ago under Joe Biden. Voters’ economic optimism is growing, especially when they remember the policies Democrats put in place that brought us here. Voters [trust](#) Republicans to handle key issues, including border security (+20), immigration (+6), and the economy (+2).

Democrats remain directionless and unpopular. Most voters [say](#) the party is simply opposing President Trump without offering a real alternative or solutions, including half of swing voters. Additionally, Democrat popularity continues to [plummet](#) in poll after poll, with a recent CNN poll showing only 28% of voters view Democrats favorably. Since early 2025, Democrats have seen a sharp decline in popularity among their own voters, hitting historic lows in approval ratings each month.

The Battlefield

Since the beginning of the cycle, the political map has favored Republicans, especially compared to previous cycles. In 2018, over two dozen Republicans represented districts won by Clinton, compared to just a dozen Democrats in seats President Trump won.

Fast forward to 2025, a dozen Democrats represented districts that had been won by President Trump. Following redistricting in many states, the number of incumbents representing seats won by the opposing party's Presidential candidate is nearly even, showcasing the strong position House Republicans are in with just six months until Election Day.

Democrat strategists accept this reality, with operative Jesse Ferguson [telling CNN](#), “...if I were judging on the terrain, I’d rather be them.” The recent Supreme Court ruling in *Callais v. Louisiana* will create ripple effects across the battlefield as legislatures in several states examine their maps in light of this new legal precedent.

Democrats Fight Through Messy Primaries

As [chaotic primaries](#) drag on in key seats like Arizona 1, California 22, California 48, Colorado 8, Maine 2, Michigan 7, New Jersey 7, and New York 17, Democrats are



[burning through resources](#) on primaries and [racing to the left](#) on issues, like [support for ICE](#) and [universal healthcare](#), instead of focusing on the general election.

In a sign of their growing [panic](#), the DCCC has begun endorsing candidates in competitive primaries, hoping to drag their floundering favorites into November. But the other [candidates](#) and their [allies](#) in these [primaries](#) are not [backing](#) down and have instead [called](#) out the DCCC for engaging in these primary contests.

- “Maine picks our nominees. Not DC.” - [Jordan Wood](#), candidate ME-02
- “It is undemocratic to see DC elites putting their thumb on the scale in this race.” - [Randy Villegas](#), candidate CA-22
- “...DC insiders and the political establishment are trying to handpick our next Representative and buy this seat. - [Carol Obando-Derstine](#), candidate PA-07
- The Hispanic Caucus’ PAC would continue to back their two preferred candidates who were passed over Monday by the [DCCC], [BOLD PAC Chair Rep. [Linda Sánchez](#)] said..

Delivering Wins for Working Families

House Republicans are earning voters’ trust by delivering results: real relief for [working families](#), a [pro-growth agenda](#), stronger, [safer communities](#), and [steadfast support](#) for veterans, law enforcement, and our military.

According to NRCC internal polling, when voters hear that Republicans supported the “largest middle-class tax cut in generations,” 64% say they are more likely to support that candidate. Another 64% say they are much more likely to back a candidate who “cut taxes for households making less than \$100,000,” and 60% are more likely to support a candidate who backs “cutting taxes on tips, overtime, and Social Security.”

These priorities are widely supported and stand in stark contrast to Democrats’ government shutdowns, tax hikes, and far-left policies. As we keep advancing an agenda focused on working families, Democrats will have to [answer](#) for every extreme vote.

Bottom Line

Republicans enter the final six months of the cycle with the advantage, financially, politically, and structurally. Democrats are divided, on defense, and struggling to define a message, while Republicans are united, well-funded, and executing a clear strategy to win in November. We have the candidates, the resources, and the battlefield to hold the majority, and the contrast is only getting sharper by the day.

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