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# General Election | November 4, 2008

## Federal Candidates Page

*Be an informed  
 and educated voter!  
 Use this Voter Guide to  
 confidently cast your vote on  
 Tuesday, November 4th!*

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### U.S. Presidential Candidates



**John McCain**  
 U.S. Senator  
 Republican



**Barack Obama**  
 U.S. Senator  
 Democrat

### U.S. Senatorial Candidates



**Dick Durbin**  
 U.S. Senator  
 Democrat



**Steve Sauerberg**  
 Family Physician  
 Republican

	John McCain	Barack Obama	Dick Durbin	Steve Sauerberg
Reversal of Roe v. Wade <b>Sanctity of Life</b>	Supports <sup>1</sup>	Opposes <sup>2</sup>	Opposes <sup>a</sup>	Supports <sup>b</sup>
<b>Health Insurance for Unborn Children</b> Legislation that would have codified the "Unborn Child Rule" in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), allowing states the option of providing health care insurance for unborn children.	Supports <sup>4</sup>	Opposes <sup>4</sup>	Opposes <sup>c</sup>	Supports <sup>d</sup>
<b>Federal Hate Crimes</b> Legislation to establish federal "hate crimes" for certain violent acts based on the actual or perceived race, religion, disability, gender identity, or "sexual orientation" of any person.	Opposes <sup>5</sup>	Supports <sup>5</sup>	Supports <sup>e</sup>	Opposes <sup>d</sup>
Workplace discrimination legislation to grant special consideration <b>ENDA</b> on the basis of "sexual orientation," to favor homosexuality	Opposes <sup>6</sup>	Supports <sup>7</sup>	Supports <sup>f</sup>	Opposes <sup>d</sup>
(Defense of Marriage Act) <b>Federal DOMA</b>	Supports <sup>8</sup>	Opposes <sup>8</sup>	Unknown	Supports <sup>d</sup>
Signed Pledge to Not Raise Taxes <b>Limited Taxes</b>	Yes <sup>10</sup>	No <sup>10</sup>	No <sup>g</sup>	Yes <sup>d</sup>
Timeline to remove American troops <b>Iraq Withdrawal</b>	Opposes <sup>11</sup>	Supports <sup>12</sup>	Supports <sup>h</sup>	Opposes <sup>d</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.prochoiceamerica.org/choice-action-center/in-congress/congressional-record-on-choice/arizona.html>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.prochoiceamerica.org/choice-action-center/in-congress/congressional-record-on-choice/illinois.html>

<sup>4</sup> Roll Call No. 302 - 8/2/2007

<sup>5</sup> Roll Call No. 350 - 9/27/2007

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/vote.xpd?vote=1996-281>

<sup>7</sup> <http://www.barackobama.com/issues/civilrights/> and

<http://www.barackobama.com/pdf/lgbt.pdf>

<sup>8</sup> Roll Call No. 280 - 9/10/1996

<sup>9</sup> <http://www.windycitymediagroup.com/gay/lesbian/news/ARTICLE.php?AID=4018> and <http://blogs.abcnews.com/politicalradar/2008/06/mrs-obama-reaff.html>

<sup>10</sup> [www.atr.org/pledge/national/incumbents.html](http://www.atr.org/pledge/national/incumbents.html)

<sup>11</sup> <http://www.johnmccain.com/Informing/Issues/fdeb03a7-30b0-4ece-8e34-4c7ea83f11d8.htm>

<sup>12</sup> <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/story/2008/07/08/ST2008070803227.html>

<sup>a</sup> <http://www.prochoiceamerica.org/choice-action-center/in-congress/congressional-record-on-choice/illinois.html>

<sup>b</sup> IFI Candidate Forum 1/22/2008

<sup>c</sup> Roll Call No. 302 - 8/2/2007

<sup>d</sup> IFI 2008 Candidate Survey

<sup>e</sup> Roll Call No. 350 - 9/27/2007

<sup>f</sup> Sen. Durbin's Letter to Constituent on ENDA

<sup>g</sup> [http://www.atr.org/content/html/2008/jan/010408pr-nh\\_pledge.html](http://www.atr.org/content/html/2008/jan/010408pr-nh_pledge.html)

<sup>h</sup> [http://durbin.senate.gov/issues/prog\\_iraq.cfm](http://durbin.senate.gov/issues/prog_iraq.cfm)

## Illinois Congressional District #2

### Question Number

U.S. Congress	Party	Candidate	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
USC 2	D	<i>Jesse L. Jackson, Jr.</i>	O	S	S	-	O	O	-	O	S	S
USC 2	R	Anthony W. Williams	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	O

## 2008 Voter Guide | U.S. Congressional Candidate Survey Questions

U.S. Congressional candidates were asked if they **Support** or **Oppose**:

- 1 | **Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act**, which would ensure that women seeking an abortion are fully informed regarding the pain experienced by their fetus. (H.R. 6099 - 2006)
- 2 | **Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act**, which would allow federal funding of stem cell research on lines of stem cells derived from human embryos. (H.R. 3 - 2007)
- 3 | Adding "sexual orientation" to federal "Hate Crime" laws. (H.R. 1592 - 2007)
- 4 | **The Family and Consumer Choice Act**, which would provide consumers the ability to choose and pay for only the cable networks they want. (H.R. 2738)
- 5 | **A federal marriage amendment** defining marriage as between one man and one woman in the U.S. Constitution. (HJ Res 88 - 2006)
- 6 | Federal legislation making it a federal offense to transport a minor across state lines for an abortion if this is done to evade a state parental involvement law. (H.R. 748 - 2005 Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act.)
- 7 | **Reduce taxes by expanding the per-child tax credit.**
- 8 | **The Pledge Protection Act**, which would remove the jurisdiction of federal courts over cases involving the Pledge of Allegiance. (H.R. 2389 - 2006)
- 9 | **Employment Non-Discrimination Act**, which would prohibit discrimination against employees on the basis of "sexual orientation."
- 10 | **Federal funding of Planned Parenthood and any other organization that performs abortions, both in the U.S. and abroad (even if they use money from other sources).**

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## State Candidates Page | Illinois Congressional District #2



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State Senate	Party	Candidate	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
SS 14	D	Emil Jones, III	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SS 14	R	Ray Wardingley	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SS 15	D	<i>James T. Meeks</i>	S	-	-	-	O	-	-	S	S
SS 17	D	<i>Donne E. Trotter</i>	S	-	-	O	S	-	-	S	S

State House	Party	Candidate	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
SR 25	D	<i>Barbara Flynn Currie</i>	S	S	-	P	NV	-	-	-	S
SR 27	D	<i>Monique D. Davis</i>	S	-	-	O	O	S	-	-	S
SR 28	D	<i>Robert "Bob" Rita</i>	S	-	-	S	S	S	-	-	S
SR 29	D	<i>David E. Miller</i>	S	-	S	O	O	S	-	-	S
SR 29	R	James Buiter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SR 30	D	<i>William "Will" Davis</i>	S	-	S	O	S	S	-	-	S
SR 33	D	<i>Marlow H. Colvin</i>	S	-	S	S	NV	S	-	-	S
SR 34	D	<i>Constance A. "Connie" Howard</i>	S	S	-	O	P	S	-	-	S
SR 37	D	<i>Kevin A. McCarthy</i>	S	-	-	O	S	S	-	-	S
SR 38	D	<i>Al Riley</i>	S	S	-	O	S	S	-	-	S
SR 79	D	<i>Lisa M. Dugan</i>	O	-	-	O	O	-	-	-	S
SR 80	D	<i>George Scully</i>	S	S	-	S	O	S	-	-	S
SR 80	R	Miriam Shabo	O	O	O	S	O	O	O	O	O

## 2008 Voter Guide | IL House & IL Senate Candidate Survey Questions

IL House & IL Senate candidates were asked if they **Support** or **Oppose**:

- 1 | Taxpayer funding of live human embryonic stem cell research. (S.B. 4 - 2007)
- 2 | Creating "Civil Unions" for same-sex couples having all the same benefits and legal protections as marriage. (H.B. 1826 - 2007)
- 3 | Allowing pharmacists to dispense "morning after" pills (e.g. Plan B) to minors without requiring parental notice or a doctor evaluation. (H.B. 1077 - 2007)
- 4 | Legislation requiring public libraries to filter/block Internet access to illegal obscenity, child pornography, and material harmful to minors. (H.B. 1727 - 2007)
- 5 | Legislation to expand gambling in Illinois with casinos or additional slot machines. (H.B. 2035 - 2007 and H.B. 2651 - 2008)
- 6 | Federal Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) that will require gender-based "equal rights" including protecting "abortion rights" and "same-sex marriages." (HJRCA 2 - 2007)
- 7 | Legislation to provide grants for "comprehensive sex education" which will include instructing students from ages 9-17 about condom usage and birth control. (S.B. 2267- 2006)
- 8 | Legislation permitting authorized persons to legally possess no more than 12 marijuana plants and 2.5 ounces of useable cannabis. (S.B. 650 - 2007)
- 9 | Legislation creating new school health clinics that can distribute birth control to students. (S.B. 715 - 2007)

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