

February, 2008

Dear Bolton Democrat:

I am writing to you because The Bolton Democratic Town Committee needs your help. 2008 is an election year, and you have no doubt been - or soon will be - swamped with requests from candidates and political parties. (We get them too!) But let me explain why this request is different, and why I am asking you to respond with a modest contribution of time, money, or both to the Democratic Party in the Town of Bolton.

First, your participation on the local level is the most direct, effective and immediate way you can make your voice heard and take a role in shaping the life of your community. The Town Committee communicates regularly - often face to face - with your local, state and federal elected officials and representatives. By getting involved, you can have an impact on how those officials act and the decisions they make. In recent years at the local level, Democratic members of Bolton's boards and commissions have sought to make Bolton's government more sensitive to the needs of all residents by improving communication between the Town Boards and the voters. We have a vision for the future of Bolton: rational budgeting; open and transparent government which promotes community dialogue and cooperation, not division; balancing positive growth with conserving open space and effective, long-range town planning. We invite you to become involved to make that vision a reality.

Second, a small contribution on the local level goes a long way. The Democratic Town Committee rarely has the funds to spend even as much as \$1,000.00 to support an entire slate of candidates in a local election, including signs, mailings and other information, and candidate forums. There are over 1000 registered Democrats in Bolton. If even 10% of us gave just \$25.00 each, we would be able to do far more to get out the vote, educate the voters, and build support for Democratic solutions to our community's needs.

On November 4, 2008, voters will be asked to make critical decisions about the future direction of our state and our nation. We believe that a strong local Democratic Party is an essential element of that future. Democrats are poised to make significant gains this fall. We would like to help implement Democratic ideals beyond Bolton, by supporting Democrats who share our commitment to open and honest government, fiscal responsibility, and compassion and protection for the rights of all members of the community.

Help us elect candidates who share these values and will be responsive to YOUR views. To do that we need **your donation now.** We also welcome your input and your active participation in our efforts this fall and during the next municipal election cycle. Tell us your concerns - we encourage you to come to our meetings on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM - Notch Road Municipal Center, Room 9, Notch Road, Bolton.

Visit our new website at <http://bolton.dems.info>

Sincerely yours,

Adam J. Teller
Chair, Bolton Democratic Town Committee

Enclosed is my contribution in the amount of: \$100 \$50 \$25 \$10

Name: _____ Occupation/Employer _____
(Please note that under election finance laws, we cannot accept contributions from state contractors, lobbyists, and their immediate families. Please help us comply.)

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please Respond to: Robert Lessard, Treasurer BDTC, 15 Converse Road, Bolton, CT 06043
Paid for by the Bolton Democratic Town Committee, Robert Lessard, Treasurer