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DELAWARE STATE SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

**Election 2008 Candidate Endorsements**

*The Board of Directors of the Delaware State Sportsmen's Association has rated the various major party candidates according to their voting records, public statements and information contained in the questionnaires submitted to the NRA. The following information is provided to you so that you can make the right choice when voting in November 4, 2008. Please, remember to VOTE FREEDOM FIRST*

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\* Indicates Running for Reelection      **Bold Type** - Indicates DSSA Endorsed Candidate  
~Please see below for a description of the grading criteria~  
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**President: (R) Honorable John McCain**  
**Vice-President: Sarah Palin**

**FEDERAL CANDIDATES**

**STATE-WIDE CANDIDATES**

**U.S. Senate**

(R) Christine O'Donnell    A  
(D) \* Joe Biden              F

**Governor**

(R) William Swain Lee      A  
(D) Jack Markell            F

**U.S. House of Representatives**

(R) \* Michael Castle              F  
(D) Karen Hartley-Nagle          ?

**Lt. Governor**

(R) Charles Copeland            A  
(D) Matthew Denn                F

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**STATE SENATE**

**DISTRICT 2**

(D) \*Margaret Rose Henry      F

**DISTRICT 3**

(D) \*Robert Marshall          F

**DISTRICT 4**

(R) John D. Clatworthy          A  
(D) Michael S. Katz              ?

**DISTRICT 6**

(R) Liane Sorenson              F  
(D) John Mackenzie            ?

**DISTRICT 10**

(R) James D. Weldin            A  
(D) Bethany A. Hall-Long        A

**DISTRICT 11**

(D) \*Anthony DeLuca            A+

**DISTRICT 16**

(R) \*Colin Bonini                A+  
(D) Harold E. Stafford          F

**DISTRICT 17**

(R) James L. Hutchison          A  
(D) Brian J. Bushweller        C

**DISTRICT 18**

(R) \*F. Gary Simpson            A+  
(D) Gary Downes                ?

**DISTRICT 21**

(D) \*Robert Venables            A+

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**STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**CONTESTED RACES**

**DISTRICT 1**

(R) James McClain Jr          ?  
(D) \*Dennis P. Williams        F

**DISTRICT 4**

(R) Tyler Patrick Nixon        A  
(D) \* Gerald L. Brady          ?

**DISTRICT 7**

(R) James Bowers                A  
(D) \*Bryon H. Short            ?

**DISTRICT 8**

(R) Martha B. Sturtevant      A-  
(D) S. Quinton Johnson        C

**DELAWARE STATE SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

**DISTRICT 9**

(R) \*Richard Cathcart A+  
(D) Rebecca Walker A

**DISTRICT 10**

(R) \*Bob Valihura D  
(D) Dennis E. Williams ?

**DISTRICT 11**

(R) \*Gregory Lavelle B  
(D) Charles Old, Jr. ?

**DISTRICT 17**

(R) David Lee Osborn C  
(D) \*Michael Mulrooney A+

**DISTRICT 18**

(R) \*Terry Spence A+  
(D) Michael Barbieri ?

**DISTRICT 19**

(R) Joseph M Sakeley ?  
(D) \*Robert F. Gilligan A

**DISTRICT 21**

(R) Michael Ramone A-  
(D) Patricia D. Creedon ?

**DISTRICT 22**

(R) \*Joseph E. Miro B  
(D) Rebecca H. Young ?

**DISTRICT 23**

(R) Jesse Priester IV ?  
(D) \*Teresa L. Schooley B

**DISTRICT 24**

(R) \*William A. Oberle B  
(D) Daniel Basara ?

**DISTRICT 25**

(R) James D. Gates A  
(D) \*John A. Kowalko D

**DISTRICT 26**

(R) Jeremy Filliben D  
(D) \*John J. Viola A

**DISTRICT 27**

(R) \*Vincent A. Lofink A+  
(D) Earl Jaques F

**DISTRICT 29**

(R) \*Pamela Thornburg A+  
(D) W. Charles Paradee A

**DISTRICT 31**

(R) \*Nancy H. Wagner A+  
(D) Darryl M. Scott ?

**DISTRICT 32**

(R) \*Donna Stone A  
(D) E. Bradford Bennett A

**DISTRICT 33**

(R) Harold J Peterman A  
(D) \*Robert E. Walls A+

**DISTRICT 34**

(R) \*Donald A Blakey A  
(D) G. Bruce Hamilton C

**DISTRICT 35**

(R) David L. Wilson A  
(D) L. Aaron Chaffinch A-

**DISTRICT 37**

(R) \*Joseph W. Booth A  
(D) Helen C. Truitt D

**DISTRICT 38**

(R) \*Gerald W. Hocker A+  
(D) Mary K. Ryan ?

**DISTRICT 39**

(R) \*Daniel Short A  
(D) Jerry L. Semper ?

**DISTRICT 40**

(R) \*Clifford G. Lee A+  
(D) Barbara A. Hudson ?

**DISTRICT 41**

(R) \*Gregory A. Hastings A  
(D) John Atkins A

*RACES IN WHICH THERE IS NO MAJOR PARTY OPPOSITION*

DISTRICT	CANDIDATE	GRADE	DISTRICT	CANDIDATE	GRADE
2	(D) *Hazel Plant	F	15	(D) * Valerie Longhurst	B
3	(D) *Helene Keeley	F	16	(D) *James Johnson	D
5	(D) *Melanie George Marshall	F	20	(R) *Nick T. Manolakos	A
6	(D) *Diana M. McWilliams	B	28	(D) *William J. Carson	A
12	(R) *Deborah D. Hudson	A-	30	(R) *William R. Outten	A+
13	(D) *John L. Mitchell, Jr	F	36	(R) *V. George Carey	A
14	(D) *Peter C. Schwartzkopf	F			

~ Grading Criteria ~

- A+ An Incumbent with an excellent voting record who made a vigorous effort to promote the Second Amendment, sponsored pro-freedom bills and fought anti-gun legislation
- A Solidly Pro-gun supporter of the Second Amendment and your right to keep and bear arms.
- B Generally pro-gun candidate who may have taken a position or cast a vote contrary to the best interests of gun owners
- C Not necessarily a passing grade! Indicates a candidate who has taken a position or cast one or more votes contrary to DSSA's position on key issues
- D An anti-gun candidate whose has frequently taken positions against or cast votes for anti-gun/anti-freedom measures and/or opposed pro-gun legislation
- F A true enemy of gun owners' rights to keep and bear arms.
- ? Failed to answer a candidate questionnaire, often an indication of indifference, if not outright hostility, to gun owners' and sportsmen's rights.