



Meet Betsy Dirksen Londrigan

"My roots in this community go back generations, and in Congress, I'll always put central Illinois first. That means standing up for access to affordable healthcare, protecting our jobs, educating our kids and defending Medicare and Social Security."

— Betsy Dirksen Londrigan

Betsy's family has been part of the fabric of the community for years – teachers, small business owners, business professionals, farmers, and area leaders. She is deeply committed to serving the people in the 13th district and will fight for affordable healthcare and education while protecting jobs and the economy. Betsy attended Springfield High School and graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. After returning to Springfield and getting married, Betsy started the alumni association for the Springfield Campus of the University of Illinois when it transitioned from Sangamon State University.

Raising three children, she then worked as a self-employed entrepreneur — giving her firsthand knowledge of the challenges faced by the small businesses and self-employed workers who are the backbone of our economy in downstate Illinois. She worked for Senator Dick Durbin and during the last seven years, the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation.

Betsy lives in Springfield with her husband Tom and their three kids, Jack, William, and Kathryn. Over the years, Betsy has volunteered extensively with her children's schools, church and a variety of local non-profit organizations. In 2009, her 12 year old son Jack, developed a rare, life-threatening illness that left him in a medically-induced coma fighting for his life. After 24 days in the hospital, Jack began the long road to recovery. Since then, Betsy has worked with her family and community to raise awareness of the importance of children's hospitals as well as significant funds for the Children's Miracle Network and St. John's Children's Hospital to ensure that other children receive the same quality care that saved Jack.

Betsy has been active in Democratic campaigns for over 20 years and works to recruit, support and elect women candidates for state and local office through an organization she co-founded called Women Rising.



 **Born, raised and still resides in Springfield**

 **Attended Springfield High School and graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**

 **Fundraiser for the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation**

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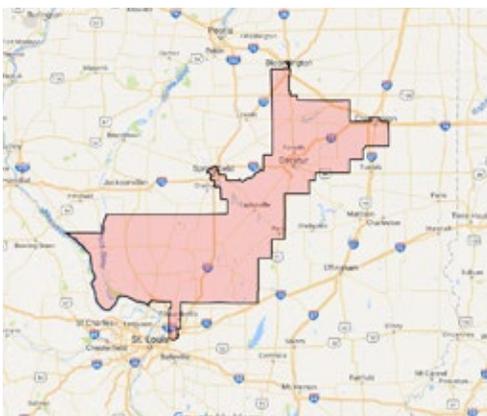
Betsy Dirksen Londrigan: Standing up for Illinois families.

Why She's Running

The healthcare debate in Washington is personal for Betsy. In 2009, she spent weeks by a hospital bed in a pediatric intensive care unit where her 12-year old son Jack lay in critical condition. He had developed a rare, life-threatening illness that left him in a medically-induced coma fighting for his life. After 24 days in the hospital, Jack slowly started on the long road to recovery. And the medical bills began to pile up.

The current debate about healthcare is more than just theoretical for Betsy and many middle-class families in Illinois. Without Affordable Care Act consumer protections that ended lifetime limits on insurance benefits, capped out-of-pocket expenses, and protected people with pre-existing conditions, Betsy's family would have faced financial disaster. Congressman Rodney Davis is leading House Republican efforts to roll back these protections, put in place an Age Tax on people over the age of 50, and endanger coverage for people with pre-existing conditions. Betsy refuses to stand by and is putting together a strong campaign to take on the Davis-Trump agenda that puts thousands of Illinois families at risk of financial ruin.

Winning Illinois' 13th District



 **Rodney Davis not only voted for the Affordable Health Care Act (AHCA) or Trumpcare, but he led the effort to recruit Republican Members of Congress to vote for the bill.**

 **The district has been named to the DCCC Red to Blue target list.**

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