

Hi all -- I have decided to center campaigns that 1) can win, and 2) could use donations. Several of my personal favorite candidates running are conspicuously absent from this list, as they are not the best investments of a few dollars in my estimation. These are not personal thoughts based on my own policy priorities, but rather recommendations for friends looking to make the biggest impact with a few dollars. I am operating under the assumption that you want to spend a small amount of money deliberately and strategically.

Want to retain a senate seat in a red state?

Doug Jones

Oh, Doug. After you beat POTUS's second-favorite pedophile in 2018, you've been a pleasant surprise. He's voted bluer than expected considering Alabama's red lean. This state is likely to flip red, so I wouldn't say it's the soundest investment, but it's a cheap media market and a few bucks can go a long way.

Policy priorities: <https://dougjones.com/accomplishments>

Donation page: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/dougjones2020>

Want to prioritize winning a Senate seat in a state that's equally important in the presidential race?

Gary Peters

Gary rides a motorcycle across Michigan. How much more do you people want? He's one of only two Democratic senators running in a state Trump carried in 2016 (the other is Jones). His opponent John James is very well-funded (the DeVos family is all in on him), and the media market isn't cheap, so donations are NEEDED.

Gary's policy priorities: <https://www.peters.senate.gov/about/issues>

Donation page: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/gary-peters-2>

Want to center protecting choice in your donations?

Sara Gideon

I can't say anything about Susan Collins that hadn't already been said (she's a Trump apologist who has reneged on her promise to be a moderate, pro-choice Republican). She has deluded Mainers while Sara Gideon has been fighting to expand Narcan access and to guarantee reproductive health care for Medicaid recipients. Gideon's pretty well-funded right now, but the media market is relatively inexpensive and \$5 always helps.

Policy priorities: <https://saragideon.com/priorities/>

Donation page:

<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/gideon2020?refcode=topper-button-nav>

Want to retain a blue Senate seat in a purple state?

Jeanne Shaheen

Oh, Jeanne! With New Hampshire being one of the few genuinely purple states, and Trump losing by only 3,000 votes in 2016, this race could change on a dime. Jeanne is as solid and reliable a donation destination as can be.

Policy priorities: <https://jeannshaheen.org/priorities/>

Donation page:

[https://secure.actblue.com/donate/shaheen-website?refcode=headeralertbar\\_1020](https://secure.actblue.com/donate/shaheen-website?refcode=headeralertbar_1020)

Want to an established purple state winner?

John Hickenlooper

Remember him from the primary debates? He has formerly been a small business owner, mayor of Denver, and governor of a truly purple state. His record certainly isn't perfect, but he proposed a strong climate plan both in the primaries and now in the gubernatorial race. Colorado is currently represented by Cory Gardner, who didn't even win 50% in 2014, which was a very Republican year. Hickenlooper is well-funded right now but money is good.

Policy priorities: <https://hickenlooper.com/issues/>

Donation page: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/jwh?refcode=web-nav-button>

Want to emphasize gun safety legislation?

Mark Kelly

Mark Kelly is a badass -- freaking astronaut and husband of the even more badass Gabby Giffords. He's spent the years since she was shot becoming a force in gun violence prevention in his own right. Martha McSally LOST her election in 2018, only to be appointed to McCain's seat shortly after his death. She's had two full years in her undemocratic position to become a critical vote for McConnell. Mark's fundraising has been strong thus far, but Arizona isn't a cheap media market.

Policy priorities: <https://markkelly.com/issues/>

Donation page:

<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/mek-website?refcode=website-donate>

Want to reestablish a blue heartland?

Theresa Greenfield

You know who sucks? Joni Ernst. All the double-talk and gaslighting you hate from McConnell has been validated by Ernst at every turn. Theresa Greenfield was raised on a farm, was a single parent, and is a very strong candidate who, according to recent polls, has the potential to flip this seat, even if the presidential doesn't move in our direction in Iowa. She could really use your donation.

Policy priorities: <https://greenfieldforiowa.com/issues/>

Donation page: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/tg-website-2020?refcode=web>

Want to make blue inroads in the Mountain West?

Steve Bullock

Another guy from the primaries! He should have been in this Senate race from the beginning. Montana has a purpler history than you might think, with multiple Democratic governors, including Bullock, in recent years. This victory could prove the importance of split-ticket voters and high-quality Democratic representation statewide. He has been fundraising well, especially for such a small state, but could use a buck.

Policy priorities: <https://stevebullock.com/on-the-issues/>

Donation page:

[https://secure.actblue.com/donate/sb-homepage?refcode=scb\\_web\\_header-button](https://secure.actblue.com/donate/sb-homepage?refcode=scb_web_header-button)

Want to remove anti-health care hawks?

Cal Cunningham

Thom Tillis has personally made it harder for people to get health insurance. He's pushed every bill to scrap Medicaid expansion, to undermine the Affordable Care Act's protections for people with preexisting conditions, and to allow drug companies to jack up prescription drug prices. A staffer of his also recently told a cancer survivor that only those who can afford it deserve health coverage. Cal Cunningham could definitely win this seat, especially if we win or come close in the presidential. He's a moderate who served in the military and can appeal to a very swing-y electorate.

Policy priorities: <https://www.californc.com/priorities/>

Donation page: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/cal-website?refcode=cal-website>

Want to flip the South blue? (part 1)

Raphael Warnock

Georgia is nutty this cycle, because they have TWO Senate races. One involves incumbent Republican David Perdue, who is exactly who you expect him to be, and his challenger Jon Ossoff, a documentarian who you may remember from a special election in 2017. Ossoff is a prolific fundraiser, so I wouldn't focus on his race in particular. In a wild contest for recently retired Johnny Isaakson's seat, the newly-appointed Senator Kelly Loeffler is running to hold onto her seat for a full term. This Wall Street exec with no prior political experience is perhaps best known for... allegedly insider trading to sell off stocks after a classified coronavirus briefing in January! You may also know her other hit single, calling herself "more conservative than Attila the Hun"! Or for slamming the players on the WNBA team she owns for wearing t-shirts that said "Say Her Name" and calling BLM a "divisive political movement"! We're in a "jungle" contest, in which multiple candidates vie for 50%, followed by a near-inevitable run-off between two candidates. She's being challenged by a Republican House member and two Democrats. The party is rallying around Rev. Raphael Warnock, the senior pastor in

what was Dr. King's congregation. He's building a message around voting rights and health care, which has led to a recent and exciting surge in the polls. Here's hoping he makes it to the run-off with Loeffler being a relatively soft target! This is not a sure bet, but Georgia is NOT a cheap market, so your dollars are appreciated here.

Policy priorities: <https://warnockforgeorgia.com/issues/>

Donation page:

[https://secure.actblue.com/donate/warnock-for-georgia\\_web?refcode=website](https://secure.actblue.com/donate/warnock-for-georgia_web?refcode=website)

Want to flip the South blue? (part 2)

Mike Espy

Espy became the first Black member of the House from Mississippi since the 1800s when he was elected in 1986. His clout has remained significant in an otherwise deep-red state, and accordingly he may have a shot at removing Cindy Hyde-Smith, who has joked about attending hangings and has not even committed to participating in a debate. He makes a very compelling pitch about the Democratic Party's lack of investment in the South. There has only been one real poll, but it shows Espy within 5 points. He needs a few dollars, even if it is not the surest bet.

Policy priorities: <https://espyforsenate.com/issues/>

Donation page:

<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/espy-web-2020?refcode=espy-fr-web-nav>

Other candidates worth checking out:

Barbara Bollier (Kansas)

Mike Espy (Mississippi)

Adrian Perkins (Louisiana)

Jaime Harrison (South Carolina)

Amy McGrath (Kentucky)

MJ Hegar (Texas)

Paulette Jordan (Idaho)