

Fellow Democrats,

Since taking on this role, I've heard one thing repeatedly: we want more communication from the KDP and its leadership. I want to assure you that I've not only heard your concerns, but I am also taking action, inspired by former First Lady Michelle Obama's directive to "do something."

Today marks the first of what will be biweekly updates from me, the Executive Director of the Kentucky Democratic Party. I'll share what we're working on at the KDP, highlight candidate events, offer trainings, and provide messaging guidance, all with the hope that you not only feel a stronger connection to our shared work, but that we provide you with valuable resources to share within your own networks and communities. **Now, let's get started.**



KDP + Working Families Labor Day Press Conference and Messaging

Ahead of Labor Day, the KDP **joined forces** with state legislative candidates and organized labor representatives to illustrate Kentucky Republicans' persistent attacks on working families. We emphasized the critical need to elect Democrats to the General Assembly who will fight for Kentucky workers.

Every legislative session, the Kentucky GOP gets more creative in harming working families. In 2022, we witnessed their shameless anti-worker agenda as they <u>slashed</u> <u>unemployment benefits</u>, hurting vulnerable Kentuckians who are simply trying to land on their feet.

2024 saw the KY GOP doubling down on attacks against workers. They <u>targeted</u> employees' rights to a lunch break and overtime pay while attempting to <u>reverse</u> child labor protections. Their cruelty even extended to SNAP benefits, advancing a <u>cruel bill</u> that would have forced 21,400 children across Kentucky to go without food.

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Right now, Republicans are coming for public education, with their latest threat in the form of Amendment 2. It would **completely drain public schools of the funding they need to survive.** Just like "right-to-work," "school choice" sounds good on paper but is far from it.

Fortunately, some of their worst bills never made it into law because of the unflinching coalition formed by organized labor and Kentucky Democrats. But organized labor and a superminority can't do it alone—we need more Democratic voices in office protecting working families and more Democrats across Kentucky exposing just how bad the KY GOP's policies are for Kentucky families who are struggling to make ends meet.

For more information on these bad bills and how they hurt our friends and neighbors, click here. We need your help to spread the word that the KY GOP doesn't care about working families, but Kentucky Democrats do.

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"Do Something" to Elect More Democrats

With less than 100 days until Election Day, we at the KDP recognize that our rights and freedoms face threats not just at the federal level: the extremist GOP majority in Frankfort is just as scary as another Trump presidency.

Our staff is preparing a virtual training session (September 30 @ 6:15 PM EST) for all Democratic candidates on how to effectively fundraise, utilize social media, and engage in media relations (e.g., drafting op-eds, talking to reporters). County party chairs are also welcome to participate, as many lessons apply to both campaigns and county parties.

In order to ensure our Kentucky values are protected, we encourage you to take up the "do something" mantra and volunteer for legislative candidates before November. The biggest impact can be made by knocking doors, making phone calls and, if possible, making a financial contribution. For a list of candidates and contact information, <u>click here.</u> For current candidate events, check out our Mobilize page, linked <u>here.</u>

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DOSOMETHING TO ELECT MORE Democrats

We can't do this without you. From now until Election Day, we're in a race to work the hardest and spread our message the farthest. With your help, I'm confident we can not only keep the White House, but also flip seats in Frankfort, ensuring every Kentuckian has the opportunity for a brighter future. I'm committed to this work, and I hope you'll join me.

I'll provide more updates in the coming weeks. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to reach out directly to me or the KDP team if any needs arise.

Sincerely,



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