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Letters to the Editor
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Ryg's voting record is not impressive

Is Kathy Ryg in step with those she represents in Illinois District 59? Are voters familiar with Ms. Ryg's voting record? As one who has spoken many times with Dan Sugrue and have likewise participated with him in a number of political events even though I live in the 58th District, I have concluded that District 59 voters know very little about Kathy Ryg's Springfield record.

For starters, do her constituents realize that Kathy Ryg is one of only four state representatives to receive a zero score out of a rating of 0-100, making her one of the most liberal members in the General Assembly. This rating was done by LIFT, an Illinois state-based public policy organization that supports candidates who stand for limited government, individual liberty, free enterprise and traditional values. As such, Karen Ryg operates as a rubber stamp for Gov. Blagojevich.

Issue-wise, Kathy Ryg voted to raise sales taxes in Lake County on gasoline, groceries, etc., to bail out the CTA so it wouldn't have to raise fares for Chicago commuters. Ryg also voted to give drivers certificates and in-state tuition to illegal aliens. She even voted against a bill that would protect kids from downloading porn at public libraries, even though the bill would have permitted the removal of internet filters for those over 18.

Regarding transportation, although Kathy feels there is a need to improve roads, over the past five years she has voted for budgets that transferred three billion dollars meant for road improvements to

the General Fund. Most disturbing is that Kathy Ryg voted for a law that would decrease the punishment for people who are registered sex offenders. Dan Sugrue would give no breaks to them.

This is Dan Sugrue's first run for elected office. He is a family man with three small children. He is worried about what kind of state his kids will inherit.

Dan Sugrue wants to stand up for the corruption he sees here in Lake County and in Springfield. He will fight against the Chicago political machine that has been transplanted to Springfield. Dan understands that new people are needed in Springfield to change what has become a dysfunctional state. The Lake County News-Sun came to the same conclusion in its Oct. 13-14 weekend edition, when it endorsed Dan Sugrue and all his fellow Lake County legislators running against Democratic incumbents in Lake County. According to the News-Sun, which like the Pioneer Press is a member of the same Sun-Times News Group (STING), the only way to fix the mess in Springfield is to bring in new blood.

What would Dan Sugrue bring to Springfield?

1) He would bring fiscal discipline to a state that is saddled with a debt of \$45 billion and wants to spend even more money.

2) He would work to lower the price of gasoline, which exceeds what most of the

nation pays despite the recent and welcome drop in cost, by doing away with one of the two gasoline taxes.

3) He would work to make Illinois an attractive state to do business. Now businesses are leaving in droves, along with jobs. Illinois ranks 47th in job growth and 43rd in unemployment among all 50 states.

4) He wants state caps to be lifted on the number of charter schools permitted in the state, because he believes competition will improve public education. Kathy Ryg's solution to fixing schools is to increase education funding, despite a yearly state school funding increase of 4.3 percent. 5) He would introduce legislation to define marriage between a man and a woman.

Kathy Ryg's record pegs her as a partisan legislator who votes in lock step with her Democratic Party leadership. If you care about Illinois and what its future hold for you and your children, you have no other choice but to vote for Dan Sugrue. It would be a positive step toward sweeping the cobwebs out of Springfield and getting Illinois back on track as a state we can be proud of, instead of one that leads the nation in federal indictments.

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