

VOTE SEPTEMBER 12, DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY!



# Flanagan

## FOR U.S. SENATE

He's fought for you in Montpelier...  
He'll do the same in Washington!



Vermont Pride Parade, June 1995



"As State Auditor Ed Flanagan has been a forceful and effective advocate for the rights of all Vermonters. I observed close-up the success of his efforts on behalf of Vermont's civil union bill. His courage in publicly supporting the bill and his intensive private lobbying of key legislators helped to ensure its passage. In the U.S. Senate, he will represent Vermont's best traditions of tolerance and independence."

— Rep. Ann Seibert (D-Norwich)

"As the Auditor of the State of Vermont, Ed Flanagan has shown how effective an elected official can be, both in doing his own job supremely well and in using his position to exercise moral leadership on a wide range of issues. Having a committed, experienced, and skillful leader elected to represent Vermont as a Democrat will make a very big difference..."

— Congressman Barney Frank

## Taking a firm stand:

### ON HEALTH CARE REFORM . . .

- Universal health care for all Americans
- Regulate prices of expensive pharmaceuticals
- Preserve and expand federal programs for HIV/AIDS
- Pass a meaningful Patients' Bill of Rights

### ON WOMEN'S RIGHTS . . .

- Preserve *Roe v. Wade* and protect a woman's fundamental right to choose
- Fair pay now — pass strong federal legislation to end gender inequity and close the pay gap
- End discrimination by health insurers against coverage for women's health needs

### ON G/L/B/T ISSUES . . .

- Pass the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) to give gays and lesbians equal protection
- Increase federal funding for HIV/AIDS research, health services and prevention programs
- Hold the Republican leadership accountable for blocking future nominations of qualified gay public servants
- Extend federal Hate Crimes law to cover hate crimes against gays and lesbians
- Be a strong voice in the Senate for civil rights and human rights for all Americans

### ON PRESERVING VERMONT'S ENVIRONMENT . . .

- Full federal enforcement of Superfund laws and federal clean air and water laws
- Fight sprawl and reinvest in downtowns and alternative transportation
- More federal funding to protect Lake Champlain and Vermont's waterways from pollution and invasion by foreign species

### ON PEACE ISSUES . . .

- End funding for Star Wars and other wasteful military programs
- Sign the International Treaty to Ban Land Mines

### ON FIGHTING FOR SENIORS . . .

- Include full prescription benefits under Medicare
- Protect the pension rights of older workers
- Protect and preserve the Medicare and Social Security Trust Funds

### ON EDUCATION . . .

- Increased federal funding for local and state efforts to improve public education
- Full federal support for special education mandates
- Decrease class size by federal support for 100,000 new teachers across America
- Support for safe-school initiatives
- Increased federal support for tuition grants to make higher education affordable for middle class and working families

### ON FAMILIES AND CHILDREN . . .

- Increase federal funds to alleviate child care costs for working families
- Expand and extend Family and Medical Leave Act

### ON WORKERS' RIGHTS . . .

- Increase the minimum wage and establish a livable wage
- No to Free Trade, Yes to Fair Trade — no more trade agreements like NAFTA, WTO, and PNTR for China that don't respect the environment, workers' rights, and human rights

Dear Fellow Vermonter,

I am asking for your help in supporting my candidacy for the U.S. Senate. I am the nation's only openly gay statewide elected official. In 1992, I was elected Vermont's State Auditor. In 1994, I was re-elected by a wide margin, even though the Republican tide that year swept many Democrats from office. Ironically, it was the homophobic agenda of the Gingrich Congress that persuaded me to come out to Vermonters. **Now I want to go to Washington and fight that homophobia head on.**

**But my candidacy is not just about being openly gay.** Right now the Senate is unresponsive and out of touch with Americans — even in this time of unprecedented economic growth there are millions of Americans who are being left behind. **Vermont needs a U.S. Senator who is prepared to take on the corporate interests in Washington and fight to make the U.S. Senate work for all Americans.**

I am proud of my eight years of service in Montpelier and my work in transforming the office of State Auditor into an aggressive watchdog for consumers, taxpayers, and those Vermonters who must rely on government services. As Vermont's State Auditor, I've fought for:

- **Health care consumers** against HMO abuses.
- **Honest efficient government** against no-bid contracts given to political contributors.
- **Working parents** against insufficient safeguards at child care centers.
- **Vermont veterans** against shameful nursing care.
- **Developmentally disabled and mental health clients** against inadequate mental health services.
- **Women** against state contract discrimination, pay inequity, and discrimination in health care coverage.
- **Human rights for all Americans** against a national trend of intolerance and bigotry.

With your help these are the kinds of battles I will continue to fight in Washington. **Please help by voting for Ed Flanagan for U.S. Senate in the Democratic primary on September 12.**

Sincerely,

Ed Flanagan

**We need your help!**

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