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Dear Fellow Republican,

Congratulations! You're an exceptional resident from the 56<sup>th</sup> Illinois House district. You go to the polls on Election Day. You pay attention to, and are involved in, your community. You probably don't need me to tell you how important it is that we elect **Anita Forte-Scott** as your district's next state representative.

As the nightly news reminds us, Governor Blagojevich and his Democratic allies such as State Representative Paul Froehlich are strangling Illinois government. I'm not sure there's ever been such impending state government disaster as the one we have before us today:

- An unbalanced state budget
- Burdensome record-high spending
- Skyrocketing taxes

I can't believe how badly things turned this past legislative session. Last year Blagojevich and legislative allies like Paul Froehlich forced the longest overtime session in Illinois history and wasted over a million taxpayer dollars in the process.

And what did that get us? Well, it's more what it got Froehlich and his Democratic cronies -- a pay raise tucked inside a state budget \$2 billion in the hole.

The Democrat-controlled Illinois House and Senate continues to force their anti-jobs, anti-business, anti-free market agenda on us as we linger near the worst job creation environment of all 50 states. It's time we begin to turn things around. **Anita Forte-Scott's** election this November will be a significant start in heading us in the right direction again.

Your district's current House member Paul Froehlich not only changed political parties this year, he's changed his opinion on taxes and this session he voted to increase Cook County sales taxes on families and seniors. Now he's ready to double the state's income tax on some of them. Altogether, **Froehlich's proposed tax increases would exceed \$3 billion per year!**

And even though you're a well-informed voter, you may not know that Froehlich and his ally Rod Blagojevich will spend millions of taxpayer dollars on hidden pork projects revealed to the public just moments before they voted on the state budget.

We need responsible state lawmakers to spend our tax dollars wisely while doing everything possible to help us keep more in our pockets. That's not the case with the Blagojevich/Froehlich spending tag team. They want more of our dollars to spend. This spring, Froehlich even voted against an effort to remove the state sales tax on gasoline!

There's no doubt we need to turn things around. That's why I need your help to elect **Anita Forte-Scott** to the General Assembly.

As President of Schaumburg Library Board, Anita held the line on taxes while overseeing the construction of a new Hanover Park branch. She's worked hard to balance library budgets while protecting taxpayer interests.

Anita has the experience, vision and commitment 56<sup>th</sup> District voters need in Springfield. A lifelong resident of your community, Anita shares a commitment to honest government. That's one reason why we chose Anita to be one of the **United Republican Fund's "Eight in '08"** candidates. We're convinced she's just feisty enough to stand up to the governor and the Democrats, and hold the line on taxes, while demanding transparency and accountability in the budget process.

**That's why, as president of the United Republican Fund, I'm counting on your generous financial support of \$250, \$100, \$50, \$35 or even \$25. With your help, we will reach our goals and Anita will send Paul Froehlich home in November.**

So please, let's together begin turning Illinois around in 2008. With your help, Anita can take her positive message of change and hope to your district. She can drive home the obvious difference between the fresh Republican agenda of low taxes, less spending and limited government and the Democrat's tired old plans for higher taxes and more spending.

**Sending Anita Forte-Scott to the State House will help Republicans bolster and strengthen their ranks at the Capitol. We can do that together with a generous contribution of \$250, \$100, \$50, \$35 or even \$25 today.**

Sincerely,



Steven J. Rauschenberger  
Former State Senator  
President, United Republican Fund

P.S. You and other Illinois taxpayers cannot afford to sit out this election and watch the Illinois Democrats like Governor Blagojevich and Paul Froehlich create even more financial havoc on our state. Please help us send a real Republican to Springfield by returning an immediate contribution of \$250, \$100, \$50, \$35 or even \$25 today in the enclosed postage-paid envelope. Thank you.