DCCC Meeting Memo

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Member: Potential Retirements & Runs for Higher Office

**Purpose:**

You are meeting with Leader Pelosi to discuss possible retirements and runs for higher office. Below is a list of the members we are concerned about.

**Possible Retirements:**

**John Barrow (GA-12)** *DPI: 42.6%* **–** Barrow is actively considering and being aggressively courted by the DSCC to run for the Senate seat in GA. The DSCC has polled the race for him and Barrow himself has described the decision as 50-50. Without Barrow, we have little chance to hold the seat.

COH ask of 12/31/12: $66,947.58

**Mike Michaud (ME-02)** *DPI: 53.8%* **–** Michaud is actively considering a run for Governor of Maine in 2014. He has polled and is said to be on the fence currently. The seat is a swing seat that the DCCC would have to aggressively defend in 2014 without Michaud.
COH ask of 12/31/12: $80,637.92

**Collin Peterson (MN-07)** *DPI: 48%*  **–** Peterson has been on the retirement watch list for several cycles and committed to staying last cycle so that he could see the Farm Bill through. He has openly made comments about a desire to go home. This seat would be a very difficult seat for Democrats to hold without Peterson.

COH ask of 12/31/12: $34,417

**Lois Capps (CA-24)** *DPI: 51%* **–** Capps’ daughter recently moved to the district creating rumors that the seat would soon be open. For her part, Capps has told people that she is running again in 2014 and is raising money like someone running for re-election. This seat would be much easier to hold if it came open in a Presidential year.
COH ask of 12/31/12: $354,430.55

**Mike McIntyre (NC-07)** *DPI: 46.2%* **–** McIntyre had a very difficult re-election winning by less than 1,000 votes. He has not yet started to campaign or fundraise for 2014 in a meaningful way. This seat would be very difficult to hold without McIntyre.

COH ask of 12/31/12: $85,817.53

**Colleen Hanabusa (HI-01)****–** Hanabusa is rumored to be considering a bid for either the US Senate seat or Governor. While the seat is Democratic, her bid for another office would likely cause her to resign early from her House seat creating a Special Election. Hawaii special election law calls for a jungle primary (winner take all) election that would be likely feature multiple Democrats splitting the vote like in the 2010 special election.
COH ask of 12/31/12: $54,894.53

**Nick Rahall (WV-03)** *DPI: 53.9%* **–** Rahall is always someone who is rumored to be retiring. All indications are that he is not considering it this year but if he did, this seat would be very difficult for Democrats to maintain.
COH ask of 12/31/12: $109,681.30