

Memorandum RE: Jake Auchincloss' Investment in 2022 Candidates

To: Interested Parties

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This cycle, Congressman Jake Auchincloss prevented both a primary and general election challenge due to his success representing the values of his district; his ability to deliver results from day one; and by being an effective communicator both locally and on the national stage. Instead of sitting on the sidelines while facing no challenge at home, Jake used his ability to campaign places other Democrats can't and his impressive fundraising to help Democrats try to hold the majority in a grueling political climate. *Jake has invested over \$500,000 in Democrats this cycle and at the last FEC filing had given more in direct contributions to candidates than any other Freshman who will be returning to Congress. Jake also made one of the top three largest contributions to the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC) within his class.*

Taking a bold step for a House Freshman, Jake formed MA4Dems PAC - a federal leadership PAC that had its [kickoff event with Speaker Nancy Pelosi](#) over a year ago. Over 63 percent of the money raised has gone to candidates and committees. MA4Dems is closing out the cycle having *donated \$122,000 directly to candidates and members of Congress* in the following **25 states**: Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Michigan, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, Vermont, and Virginia. Through an aggressive communications strategy, Jake has proven he's not afraid to go anywhere and he'll talk to everyone about Democratic values. These investments prove he's also willing to spend money in the toughest spots. Jake knows there's no such thing as a permanently "red" state or district.

Jake also invested in candidates at the state level in Massachusetts. Presented with an opportunity to elect a slate of statewide Democrats focused on continuing the economic success of the Commonwealth and lowering costs for working families, Jake was an early endorser and campaign surrogate for future Governor Maura Healey and Attorney General Andrea Campbell. Jake also financially invested in the Massachusetts coordinated campaign, despite not having a race of his own.

In addition to stops throughout Massachusetts in the home stretch, Jake was invited to campaign for Congressman Jared Golden in the competitive Maine 2nd Congressional District this past weekend. It is clear that Jake is someone willing to roll up his sleeves and get to work and also

someone who can effectively go to districts other Democrats can't and talk about delivering results.

Fundraising:

Jake Auchincloss for Congress has given \$13,500 directly to candidates on top of the \$122,000 given directly to candidates from MA4Dems. Through events, use of his email list, and personal meetings, Jake has also used his donor network to bundle over \$100,000 for Democratic candidates. Jake also gave \$250,000 in dues to the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC) and has donated a total of \$25,000 to the Democratic Party of Massachusetts, in addition to contributions to the state parties of Maine and Indiana (total \$6,000) to help with coordinated efforts. In total, *Jake has invested over \$500,000 in Democrats this cycle* between direct candidate gives, party contributions, and bundling for candidates.

Field, Digital, and Surrogacy:

Jake was an early endorser of [Maura Healey for Governor](#) and [Andrea Campbell for Attorney General](#). In the [lead-up](#) to the primary, [and on primary day](#), Jake mobilized voters in Newton and has since helped get out the vote for State Representative and State Senate candidates throughout the Fourth District. This past weekend, [Jake was in Maine stumping for Jared Golden](#). Via his email program, Jake has raised additional funds for federal candidates, helped with voter education and mobilization in Massachusetts, and has coordinated volunteer opportunities for Massachusetts Democrats to help in neighboring states. Staff, interns, and volunteers from Team Auchincloss made trips to contact voters in both [Maine](#) and [New Hampshire](#) in the lead up to Election Day. Additionally, Jake appeared as a surrogate and headliner at fundraising events in Massachusetts, Maine, Washington DC, and [launched a canvass](#) for Lieutenant Governor Candidate Kim Driscoll in Brookline alongside local leaders and former Governor Michael Dukakis. Jake has proven himself a sought-after surrogate both at the local and national level, and as someone who has appeal left, right, and center – the type of endorser who can go places other Democrats can't.

Building A Bench:

Jake's district includes some of the bluest zip codes in the country as well as the reddest county in Massachusetts - and he's effectively appealed to both audiences. At home, [Jake received endorsements and support from state and local leaders from every corner of the district](#). Nationally, he proved that he can work left, right, and center. Be it [collaborating with AOC on EPA legislation](#); [working with Liz Cheney on sound foreign policy in Ukraine](#); or [partnering with Blue Dog Stephanie Murphy to present a forward looking vision for Democrats on trade policy](#). Jake has pushed back on bad-faith attacks [from the right on FOX](#) and [from the left on MSNBC](#). He was [a vocal supporter](#) of President Biden's decision to withdraw troops from Afghanistan at a time when other Democrats wouldn't step up, and he's also broken with the

party on issues like [student loan debt](#) and [protecting offshore wind](#). Democrats are lacking a strong and deep center-left bench, and Jake is someone who can help fill that void for our party moving forward.

What Others Are Saying:

"[Auchincloss is] flexing his political muscles" [as] "an up and coming member" [*Punchbowl*, [6/7/22](#) and [7/13/22](#)]

"The White House found a new favorite Democratic congressman..." [*POLITICO*, [8/16/2021](#)]

"[What Congressman Auchincloss is doing with his PAC] will make sure we keep that gavel in Nancy Pelosi's hands come 2022." [*Assistant Speaker Katherine Clark*]

"Auchincloss' ascent is a story about a media-savvy millennial politician with media-savvy handlers who have embodied the lessons of now-Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg's go-everywhere strategy...Auchincloss' story is also one about how power, rewards, and loyalty work in Biden's Washington... '[he] brings a unique and badly needed perspective [to Washington]' ... 'He's doing a very good job,' [Barney] Frank, who represented the 4th District from 1981 to 2013, said. 'It's a turbulent year. It's been harder for freshmen to show what they're capable of. He's part of that mainstream Democratic majority that's doing well with Nancy Pelosi's leadership.'" [*Business Insider*, [How a freshman congressman with a long last name and military résumé is winning friends and influencing enemies in Biden's Washington](#)]

"Along with some other young Democrats, including Rep. Ro Khanna of California and Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, Auchincloss represents a brand of Democratic politics that, somewhat paradoxically, advances relatively progressive policy through moderate rhetoric and attempts, however misbegotten, at bipartisanship. Impressively educated and culturally sophisticated, these Democrats want neither to be on the vanguard nor to become part of the old guard." [*Yahoo!*, [Biden's young defender Rep. Jake Auchincloss wants Democrats to fight for their president](#)]

"This young man is thoughtful and nuanced... Keep him on your 'people to watch' list." [Marjorie Arons-Barron, [No freshman frolic for Jake Auchincloss](#)]

"Auchincloss is ready to move on from being a first-term congressman, and to distinguish himself from his more liberal Democratic colleagues... With what's now considered a safe seat, Auchincloss can focus less on reelection and more on moving up the political ladder should a statewide seat open up." [*AXIOS*, [Exclusive: Auchincloss goes up the middle](#)]

“Auchincloss is a first term Congressman who has quickly become a leader in the House of Representatives, securing key committee appointments early in his legislative career. Biden's decision to visit Auchincloss' district and fly him in on Air Force One may be a harbinger of the young Congressman's future as a leader on the national stage.” [*WBSM*, [The Last Time the SouthCoast Was Visited By a Sitting President](#)]