

# BRENDAN KELLY

★ FOR CONGRESS ★



## **Brendan's Background:**

*Brendan has spent most of his life on or around military bases at home and abroad. Brendan came to Southern Illinois over thirty years ago when his parents were stationed at Scott Air Force Base. After graduating from Notre Dame with a ROTC scholarship Brendan was commissioned in the United States Navy. He served in the Middle East and saw firsthand the conditions that have given rise to the global war on terrorism. Brendan believes in service, sacrifice and answering the call of duty.*

*As State's Attorney Brendan has taken on the tough fights. He has successfully sued big Wall Street banks for fraudulent, secretive mortgage recording, forcing the banks to be transparent and accountable. He also was the first State's Attorney in Illinois to file suit against big pharma for putting profits ahead of patients by lying about the dangers of prescription opioids that have led to the opioid epidemic in Illinois.*

Members of Local 881 UFCW,

First off, thank you for your endorsement and continued advocacy on behalf of working families in Illinois and the 12th Congressional District. My wife, two sons, and I live in Swansea, Illinois and I have proudly served as State's Attorney for St. Clair County for the past 8 years working to protect our communities and hold the powerful accountable.

I write you today because, like many of you, I know something is deeply wrong in our country and it's time for good minded people to step up and take back our government from the moneyed elite that says in one breath they support working people, yet in the next, proudly give out billion dollar tax cuts to corporations and the top 1%. It's wrong and alongside Unions like Local 881 UFCW, I will fight in Washington D.C. to get back to doing what worked best in past generations; investing in our people, communities, and common shared future.

I have long supported and been fortunate to earn the support of organized labor. My wife and I proudly shop every week at our local Schnuck's and I know in my core that my brothers and sisters in the Union movement are essential in maintaining a middle class lifestyle in Southern Illinois. In this election, Union members and their families are who will take this seat back, with over 100,000 of you, from steelworkers in Granite City, to nurses in Carbondale, electing a Congressman who will serve your interests, not that of the donor class and corporate lobbyists.

Instead of helping reduce your family's childcare, healthcare, or educational costs, our Congressman has been busy giving out permanent tax breaks for giant corporations, slashing job training programs, and refusing to invest in our crumbling infrastructure all so his wealthy donors can pay less and take home more. It's wrong, but together, with the thousands of Local 881 UFCW members who live in the 12th District, we'll right that wrong. Working together, we'll fight the powerful few and rebuild our region.

Thank you again for your support, and I look forward to meeting many of you in the coming months as I campaign in every community from Alton to Cairo and East St. Louis to Mt. Vernon.

In Solidarity,

Brendan Kelly  
Candidate for Congress, 12th District

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