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Let's Go Make History¹

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Most people are content to watch history happen. The rest of us would rather make it happen.

Most people think “reality” is a handful of people trying to survive on a tropical island. The rest of us know that reality, for millions of people, is trying to survive on lower-than-poverty wages in an increasingly expensive world.

Most people think “health care” is a choice between Advil and Tylenol. The rest of us know that health care is too often a decision between medicine and supper.

That’s the kind of people we are. The kind of people our friends laughingly call “political junkies.” For us, holding a sign is more fun than a birthday party. We can’t talk on the phone without asking for money. Some of us even allow our jobs to occasionally interfere with our political work.

We’re school board members and senators . . . councilors and committee people . . . field workers and fundraisers . . . spokespeople and speechwriters. We plant lawn signs in the ground, canvass door to door, and cheer for our guy or gal at the end of election day — win or lose.

We’re activists. I know, I know . . . some would call that a dirty word. But we wear that badge proudly. Activists. From the Latin *actus*—to drive, or to do. An activist is someone who cares enough to do something.

We have a mission. And that mission is more than just campaigning. More than getting *more* Democrats elected. More, even, than taking back the state house.

Our mission is—our mission must be—to get more people to care about the things we care about. To get more people to want a better society. A society that educates its young, feeds and houses its poor, cares for its sick and disabled, and cherishes its elderly. One that doesn’t kill in anger or for financial gain, or allow its government to do so. One that insists on protecting the rights of even the smallest of minorities. A society that cares enough to do something.

Our mission—as activists—is to create more activists. When we do that, our government will follow.

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