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**REPUBLICAN** ★ **CONGRESS**

October 27, 2000

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To Whom It May Concern:

I, **DAVE WELDON**, candidate for U.S. Congress in Florida's 15th Congressional District, am writing to formally file a complaint concerning possible violations of federal election campaign laws. The complaint is being filed against Congressional candidate **PATSY ANN KURTH** and her campaign committee, **PATSY KURTH FOR CONGRESS, P.O. BOX 060190, PALM BAY, FL 32906**.

Several pieces of Ms. Kurth's campaign literature contain the disclaimer "Paid for by the Patsy Kurth Campaign Account, Democrat," while others bear the disclaimer "Paid for by Patsy Kurth for Congress." Both appear to be paid for by her campaign, and a recent call to the FEC verified that "Patsy Kurth for Congress" is indeed her official campaign committee, but without consistent disclaimers, it is uncertain if additional outside sources of funding are being used to fund the literature.

Additionally, I have witnessed Ms. Kurth distributing her "Summer 2000" Legislative newsletter— produced and printed from her account with the State of Florida as a sitting State Senator—at campaign functions, and a 3rd party was given the newsletter by her campaign staff in her campaign office. This newsletter was produced for her State Senate office, and I believe it is improper and possibly illegal for that same newsletter, which was produced at the expense of Florida taxpayers, to be distributed as campaign material. Additionally, Ms. Kurth uses multiple photographs that appear in both her taxpayer-funded newsletter and her Congressional campaign web site ([www.kurthforcongress.com](http://www.kurthforcongress.com)).

I have attached copies of materials relating to this complaint, and I appreciate your attention to this important matter. If you have any questions, you can contact Mr. Dana Gartzke or Mr. Brian Chase at (321) 676-6400.

Sincerely,

*[Signature of Dave Weldon]*

DAVE WELDON  
Member of Congress

**Attachments:**

- 1. Letter from Patsy Kurth dated June 15, 2000
- 2. Patsy Kurth bumper sticker
- 3. Flap from Patsy Kurth donation envelope
- 4. Three (3) Patsy Kurth mail pieces
- 5. Patsy Kurth campaign palm card
- 6. State Senator Patsy Kurth legislative update
- 7. Printout from Patsy Kurth WWW site

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# Senator Patsy Kurth

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June 15, 2000

Mrs.  
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Dear Deborah :

It has been 80 years since Susan B. Anthony won the fight that gave women the right to vote. *She didn't do it alone.* It was the hundreds of other women, and a few brave men, standing beside her that secured the right for women to fully participate in the political process.

Today, the increasing numbers of women serving in elective office has resulted in legislative changes that have improved the lives of not only women, but of all families. The Florida Statutes are now gender neutral, with gender balance on boards and commissions a stated goal. Other changes include the establishment of the Commission on the Status of Women, the re-write of domestic violence laws with a dedicated source of funding for emergency shelters, and the strengthening of arrest powers for police when it is believed that domestic violence will occur.

The state will now pay for rape kits for forensic exams when previously the victim was charged \$200. No longer can the manner in which a rape victim was dressed be used against her in court. I passed legislation that strengthened the statutory rape law to better protect our children from sexual predators. I sponsored and passed legislation that increased penalties for stalkers and took guns out of the hands of abusers convicted of domestic violence.

Thanks to legislation that prohibits health insurance plans from interfering with the length of hospital maternity stays, women and their newborn babies have a better chance of getting the care they need. Physicians will now make that decision.

Because of legislation that I passed, insurance companies can no longer classify domestic violence as a "pre-existing" condition, cancel the health policies of victims, or refuse emergency room coverage.

I have been honored to represent East Central Florida in the State Senate for the past ten years. I am now running for Congress for the seat currently held by Dave Weldon, one of the most extreme members of the right wing. He is staunchly anti-choice and has repeatedly voted against measures including common sense gun safety legislation, family and parental leave, protecting the environment and improving public education.

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*Federal election law requires name, address, employer and occupation for every contribution over \$200. Federal law allows each individual to give \$1,000 for each election, primary and general. PAC's are allowed \$5,000 for each election. Contributions are not tax deductible.*

Patsy you can also count on me to.

- Work in the campaign office
- Post a sign in my yard
- Place a bumper sticker on my car
- I can also help by \_\_\_\_\_
- Make phone calls
- Walk a precinct or neighborhood
- Will need absentee ballot

Patsy, you can count on me!

Enclosed is my contribution of  \$100  \$250  \$500  \$1,000  
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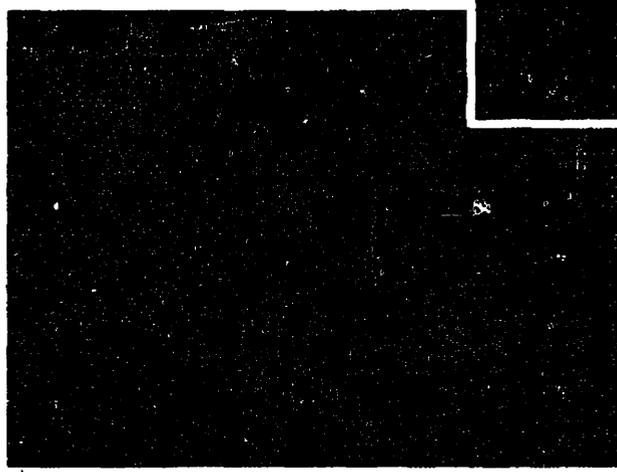
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# Patsy Kurth

Is on Our Side for Education. For 10 years our State Senator, Patsy Kurth, has been working to ensure smaller classrooms, funding for more schools, and incentives for teachers. Patsy fought for Weapon-Free and Drug-Free zones at schools.



She made sure that the "Safe Schools" programs was funded, and she fought for programs to prevent child abuse.

Now Patsy Kurth wants to take that experience to Washington, to make sure that funds for new schools and new teachers are available right here in our District.

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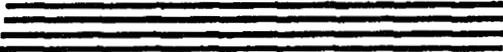
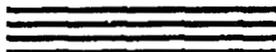
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## **Patsy Kurth will fight for seniors – She's on our side!**

Patsy Kurth believes we must use a portion of the budget surplus to guarantee a prescription drug benefit under Medicare. Patsy's plan will simply guarantee that if seniors need prescription drug coverage, they'll get it through Medicare – just like doctors visits or surgery.

Patsy Kurth won't let our senior citizens be forced into the tough choice – meals or medicine – because she's on OUR side!

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**F**or almost forty years, Patsy Kurth has lived and worked in East Central Florida. She and her husband, Al, have four daughters, five grandchildren and will celebrate their 40th anniversary this year.

Ten years ago, Patsy Kurth ran for the Florida Senate to make a difference on issues that affect us all.

And that's exactly what she has done. Now, we have the chance to send Patsy to Washington - to represent our best interests in Congress.

- Patsy believes that we must use the federal budget surplus to strengthen Medicare, protect Social Security and pay off the national debt.
- Patsy supports adding a prescription drug benefit to Medicare so seniors can afford the life-saving medications that keep them active and healthy.
- Patsy will fight for a Federal Patients' Bill of Rights that ensures medical decisions are made by doctors and not insurance company accountants.
- Patsy believes in maintaining local control over our public schools and will work to reduce class sizes, increase school safety and reward our valuable teachers with the respect they deserve.

# Patsy Kurth...

**She's on OUR side.**

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# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

## STATE SENATOR PATSY KURTH

*Proudly Serving Brevard, Indian River, and St. Lucie Counties*

Summer 2000

Dear Friends:

The 2000 Legislative Session was the tenth year I have had the honor of serving the people of state Senate District 15. During the 102nd Regular Legislative Session, we focused on Florida's priorities: education, tax relief, public safety, the environment, and the well-being of Florida's children & seniors. I am pleased to take this opportunity to share with you some of the legislative and budget highlights of this past session.

The Legislature is constitutionally required each year to develop and approve a state budget. The budget that we passed this year allocated more funding than ever before to public education, increased and secured funding for services to children, the elderly and veterans, and has addressed some critical transportation and space issues.

By working together we were able to continue our commitment to tax relief by lowering the intangible tax rate on your savings. We passed tough laws targeted toward violent juvenile offenders and we provided teachers and law enforcement officers with the tools they need to create better schools and safer communities. The Legislature passed several measures to protect and restore Florida's most precious natural resources, and we created a pharmaceutical benefit program to assist low income seniors with the cost of their prescription drugs. Finally, we dedicated nearly \$1 billion to public schools - the largest single increase ever for education - and legislators increased the state's "Rainy Day" fund by nearly \$50 million to make sure Florida is in good financial shape for years to come.

It has been an honor to represent you in the Florida Senate for the past ten years. Thank you for the opportunity.

With warm regards,



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**District 15**

# PRESERVING FLORIDA'S NATURAL BEAUTY & RESOURCES

**Restoring the Everglades & Lake Okeechobee:** To preserve Florida's quality of life and to protect our nation's most unique natural resources, lawmakers voted to fund a historic \$2 billion, ten-year project to restore and preserve the Florida Everglades and clean up Lake Okeechobee.

**Protecting the Loveable Manatee:** Manatees are widely regarded as a Florida treasure with their lumbering yet gentle manner. To help preserve manatees in Florida, the Legislature passed a bill providing \$2 million annually to be used for manatee and manne rescue and rehabilitation, and for veterinarian training in the care and treatment of manne mammals.



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## TRANSPORTATION 2000

Many parts of Florida are facing daunting transportation challenges due to a growing population and a thriving economy with lots of visitors traveling the state each year. To meet some of these challenges, the Legislature passed a transportation package that will benefit residents in both rural and urban parts of Florida.

*Mobility 2000* spends an additional \$1.8 billion over the next 10 years to fund road and highway projects. *The Transportation Outreach Program* will provide \$900 million over the next ten years

for high priority transportation projects that will enhance Florida's economic competitiveness, preserve existing infrastructure and improve travel choices. *The County Incentive Grant Program & Small County Outreach Program* will provide \$125 million annually over the next three years to the State Transportation Trust Fund to provide grants to counties for projects on Florida's highway systems. Twenty percent of these funds will be used for the Small County Outreach Program, which provides matching state funds for county road projects.

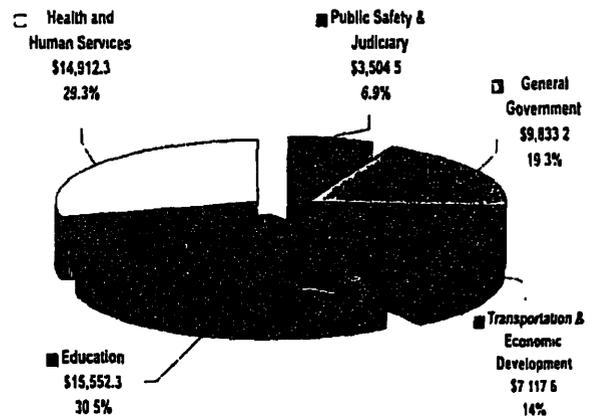
## A BALANCED BUDGET FOR A BETTER FLORIDA

**Florida's Budget:** Thanks in part to a strong national economy, the state of Florida is experiencing historic economic prosperity. Florida's tobacco settlement funds are also providing unique opportunities to more adequately fund the state's most critical needs. This year a \$50.9 billion budget for the fiscal year 2000-01, including an increase of nearly \$1 billion in education, \$500 million in tax reductions and a record commitment to improve the state's road and highway systems, was approved by the Legislature.

Saving for emergencies is important for individuals and families and it is also one of the keys to good government. This year, to make sure the state is prepared for an unforeseen situation or a budget shortfall, the Legislature added \$47 million to Florida's Budget Stabilization, or "Rainy Day", fund. This addition brings the total amount in the fund to \$894 million, a solid base that will secure Florida's financial future.

Because our state's economy is strong and services for residents have increased, lawmakers wanted to share the bounty with Floridians who have helped create a sound economy. Tax breaks for Floridians include reducing the Intangibles Tax Rate. This will help businesses by exempting the value of accounts receivable from the intangibles tax. To promote saving and investing and to help Floridians keep more of their own money, lawmakers reduced the intangibles tax rate on personal property and investments by one-third

2000-2001 Budget - \$50,919.9  
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# HEALTH CARE PUTTING PATIENTS AND DOCTORS FIRST

**Prescription Drugs For Seniors:** The cost of prescription medication has steadily risen in recent years, often making it difficult for senior citizens living on fixed incomes to purchase the medicines they need. This year, the Legislature passed the "Prescription Affordability Act for Seniors," which will help with the cost of prescription drugs for seniors living on limited funds. Those eligible for the prescription drug assistance program include seniors 65 and older with incomes between 90-120 percent of the federal poverty level who are not already enrolled in an HMO. Also eligible for the program are seniors 65 and older who qualify for limited assistance under Medicaid and whose Medicare coverage does not include pharmacy benefits

**Child Health Insurance:** With funds from Florida's historic tobacco settlement, Governor Lawton Chiles and the Legislature in 1998 developed a new state health insurance program for children. This year, the Legislature expanded the program to include dental benefits and to accelerate enrollment in the Kidcare program. The new law also directs the Department of Children & Families to easily update changes in circumstances that might affect a family's eligibility

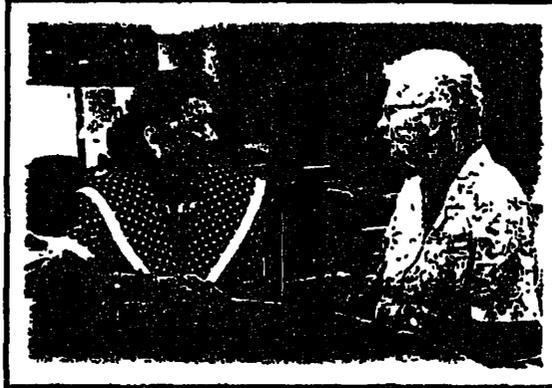
**Unlicensed Living Facilities:** To protect consumers, the Legislature passed a law requiring health care practitioners to report knowledge of unlicensed Assisted Living Facilities (ALF) to the state. A hospital or community mental health center may be sanctioned by the state for

knowingly discharging a patient or client to an ALF that the hospital or health center knows to be unlicensed

**Managed Care:** The legislation requires Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs) to pay for a patient's treatment if the health care provider follows the HMO's authorization procedures and receives approval for a covered service. To resolve disputes surrounding HMO claims, the Statewide Provider and Managed Care Organization Claim Dispute Resolution program was created. The bill also states that HMOs are required to provide treatment authorization 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**Unlicensed Health Care Professionals:** To crack down on unscrupulous and unlicensed health care providers, Legislators wanted to better protect consumers by creating criminal offenses for unlicensed health care activities. A person found to be administering health care without a license would face a mandatory prison sentence and a monetary fine

**Better Long Term Care:** Taking care of Florida's most vulnerable citizens is one of our highest responsibilities. This year, the Legislature passed a bill that will help protect people by ensuring that those who care for our elderly and disabled do not have abusive or criminal pasts. The bill requires pre-employment background screening for care givers of the elderly and disabled.



# ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE SPACE COAST ENSURING FLORIDA'S FINANCIAL FUTURE

The space industry is critical to the livelihood of thousands of families in District 15 and its success benefits the entire state of Florida and the nation. A long-time supporter of the space industry, Sen. Kurth has sponsored or co-sponsored legislation that will help ensure the success of the space program. Accomplishments include:

**Increasing Space Funding:** The Legislature allocated \$10 million for Space Experiment Research & Processing Lab (SERPL); \$1 million for Next Generation Launch Systems; \$800,000 for Florida Space Research Institute; and \$300,000 for Commercial Space Financing Corporation.

**Promoting Space Flight Businesses:** To show its support for the space industry, the Legislature approved a tax exemption on the lease or rental of property used predominately for space flight business purposes.

**Promoting Economic Development:** Major initiatives include \$6 million for Quick Response Training; \$3.5 million for Manufacturing Technology Assistance; \$6 million for High Impact Performance Incentives and \$4 million for Defense Infrastructure Fund.



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## **PUBLIC EDUCATION** **THE KEY TO FLORIDA'S FUTURE**

Success for our public school children means lower class size, high-quality teachers who are valued and respected for the roles they play in our children's lives, and safe learning environments where students can expand their knowledge free from the worry of violence. This year, the Legislature took steps to examine our public schools and give our students, parents, and teachers the tools they need to succeed. Highlights include:

**Providing Record Funding:** For the second year in a row, the Legislature has increased public education funding by nearly \$1

billion. This year, \$867 million- -\$280 per student- -was awarded to public schools. To make sure Florida's public school teachers are the best and brightest in their profession, \$60 million was provided for teacher recruitment and retention efforts and more than \$12 million was set aside as a bonus for teachers who work in under-performing or alternative schools. Recognizing that the state's lower performing schools need the most help, an additional \$38 million was allocated for targeted improvements in those schools.

**Safer Schools:** The Legislature established the Partnership for School Safety and Security to provide school districts with information and examples of safe schools and resources to make sure Florida's schools are as safe as possible. The legislation also reflects a zero-tolerance policy for students who threaten the safety of their school by requiring a one-year expulsion for bringing weapons into a school or school function or for making a bomb threat or false report.



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# PATSY KURTH CONGRESS

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*Patsy visiting with public school students*

## **Patsy on the Issues:**

### **1. Education**

I believe in our system of public education and I know that it works if given the proper resources and attention. All four of my daughters successfully attended Florida public schools from kindergarten through high school. Florida's affordable higher education system was a key component in preparing my children for success in their chosen careers."

The answer is not to turn our backs on our public schools, which educate 90 percent of our children. Instead, we must work to improve our schools and maintain our shared investment by providing them with the funding necessary for school construction and renovation as well as for hiring additional teachers to reduce the size of our classes."

### **2. Children and Families**

"Because constituent services have been a priority in my office throughout my

tenure in the Florida Senate, the meaningful legislation I have championed regarding family issues reflects my unique and personal relationship with the people I represent."

"The measures I passed to keep drunk drivers in jail until they sober up; to put some teeth into the statutory rape law to better protect children from sexual predators; to take guns away from domestic abusers; to fight child abuse through early intervention, and to bolster enforcement of deadbeat parents to pay child support, are just a few reasons child and family advocacy groups have recognized my work with "Legislator of the Year" awards time and again."

"As your representative in Washington, my policy on constituent services will continue to guide my efforts to provide individual assistance to families in District 15 and to move forward legislation that is relevant and meaningful to you. I am committed to affordable childcare and healthcare and neighborhoods free of the ravages of crime and drugs. I will work to ensure that Social Security and Medicare will be there for you and your loved ones when you need it. With me as your representative in Washington, the District 15 Congressional Office will be responsive and available to you."



*Patsy at a senior citizens center.*

### 3. Medicare

"Advancements in medicine, and treatment and prevention of illnesses are making it possible for us to live longer and healthier lives than ever before. But for many older Americans on fixed incomes, the continued escalation of healthcare costs, particularly the high cost of prescription drugs, means making a choice between buying either the food or the medicine that are both essential to maintaining healthy lives."

"We must defend Medicare from budget cuts and expand it to include prescription drugs. Now – while we have surplus budget funds and before we feel the full impact of the Baby Boom generation reaching its retirement years – is the time to update our Medicare programs to reflect today's healthcare costs."

### 4. Social Security

"The strain on our Social Security system will only increase as longevity increases and the Baby Boom generation enters its retirement years. It is imperative that Congress act now, while the economy is strong and the nation



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**MEMORANDUM**

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