

Tom Quinn for State Rep  
165th District of Pennsylvania

## It's Time to Expect More

*“This election is about three things. Change: there is no place more in need of change than Harrisburg. Hope: as a teacher I have always believed that History teaches us to hope. Time and again we have shown we can do anything if we set our hearts and minds to it. And Justice: it is time and it is right that we solve health care and give every child the education they deserve. Elections are about people and we deserve better than what we are getting.”*

–Tom Quinn, Morton Campaign Kick-Off Event,  
August 24, 2008

### **September 1, 2008**

The election is only 64 days away. My thoughts and prayers are with the people in the gulf as the hurricane approaches. It is a sad reminder of what happened 3 years ago when every level of government let the people of New Orleans down. I hope everyone has learned and things turn out better this time.

They say that elections are a marathon and not a sprint. Well, the time for the kick to the finish is here and as I always do I start this update off asking for your help. We have worked very hard to this point, but this is a critical moment for the campaign. The State Democratic Party makes decisions on who they will help in terms of campaign funding. They will be making their decisions based on the races they feel they can do the most to help a candidate win. My job has been to knock on doors and raise money to convince them I have what it takes to not just compete, but to win. So far I have knocked on over 3,500 doors and have been raising money. I need your help right now to convince the state party to support us. This could easily be the difference between winning and losing as the State Party will be able to significantly increase the amount of money we have to run the campaign. You can not do my door knocking, but I need you to contribute right now if you can. The only other moment that will be more important to my campaign will be on Election Day. [DONATE!](#)

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I have asked many times before and I will keep asking, but I am not inventing this moment. If we can show the state party we can bring money in they will be more inclined to back us and the campaign will be completely different. If the state does not back our campaign I will continue to work hard and we will still campaign to win, but we will clearly be underdogs. If we can get state support we will win. I am convinced of it. I need you to contribute and to contribute as generously as possible right now- [DONATE!](#)

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At the risk of over-stating things I have never needed your help more than right now.

Now, as far as what we have been up to this month...

**Coffee at Tony Campisi's House,  
Marple:  
Sun., Aug. 1**

Tony Campisi, the chair of the Marple-Newtown Democrats, was kind enough to host another in our series of coffees across the district. Several Marple Committee People were there and I repeated what I have come to believe that how we do in Marple Township is the key to victory in November.

**Letter in the *Delco Times*:  
Tues., Aug. 4**

My letter calling for change in both parties in Harrisburg was printed in the Delco Times- [READ IT!](#)

**Morton Campaign Ice Cream Social  
Featuring 6 String and Ted  
Obligado:  
Sun., Aug. 24**

[Read Notice in Delco Times](#) Morton Borough Councilman Mario Cimino and volunteer extraordinaire Pat Scanlon organized an ice cream social at the Borough Hall in Morton. 50 people from the community attended and were treated to ice cream from Pat and the musical stylings of Ted Obligado, my college roommate. It was an excellent community event as people heard from me and also the Obama Campaign to get us all ready for the work ahead.

**Coffee at Rose Grellis' Home,  
Springfield:  
Tuesday, Aug. 26**

Rose Grellis hosted a coffee for the campaign and I had the chance to speak with several of her neighbors. They made the point I have heard time and again as I have traveled throughout the district- "How is one person going to change Harrisburg?" One person is not, but I can be part of a beginning. The change will be hard, but it is work worth doing.

**Letter in *Springfield Press*:  
Wed., Aug. 27**

More information came out about the student loan organization PHEAA that my opponent Rep. Adolph chairs. The State Auditor General has called on PHEAA to change its structure and reduce the number of State Legislators on PHEAA's board. I agree with this proposal. When the story first broke I called on Adolph to resign and still hold that position. People desperately want to believe and trust in their elected officials and sometimes there is a need for change to create that trust. You can read the letter here- [Letter in Springfield Press](#)

Not too many events you may say. So what have I been up to?...



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I have now knocked on 3,517 doors throughout the district. I have also been updating the donation page I created so you can knock on doors with me. You do not get the pleasure of being chased by dogs or sweating profusely, but you can support my quest to knock on every door with a contribution equal to 1 penny for every door or \$35.17 at [Knock, Knock?](#)

This month I saw 853 doors and while I did not need to break into any houses there were some highlights...

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- In Marple I told a woman I was running for State Representative and she said, "Oh, what state?" I said, "This one... Pennsylvania." Glad I could help her with the geography.
  - In Springfield I got angry at my first voter when he insisted Obama was a Muslim. I said, "He is not a Muslim." "He is too," said the man who I hope forgets when election day is. "No he is not. If you don't like him find a better reason to not vote for him." "Well, he's still a Muslim," said the voter. "But I will vote for you." Not sure I want than one.
  - In Marple a naked man came to the door. Enough said.
  - In Marple when a voter saw I was a Democrat he said, "So are you a Communist or a Socialist?" I said, "Most days I'm a Communist, but on days when I am feeling open-minded I am a Socialist." "Ha," he laughed, "A sense of humor! I'm voting for you." People vote for strange reasons.
  - In Radnor it rained. Nothing funny happened, but I got pretty wet. People then proceeded to tell me I was wet when I came to their door. Very helpful.
  - In Marple a voter got in his car after finding my literature and tracked me down the street. He asked me a few questions and we spoke for 15 minutes disagreeing rather adamantly on just about everything. He got back into his car and said "I'm voting for you just for listening to me." I will take the vote, but he really shouldn't vote for me.

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## 64 Days to Go

I started this process in January of 2007. That is a ridiculous amount of time, but all of that work was about the next 64 days. I apologize for laying it on a bit thick and there are many other things to be concerned with in the world than a campaign for State Representative, but this is a race we can win and to do so I need your help right now. I will continue to give people strange reasons to vote for me and knock on every door I can find and make fundraising calls to people I do not know, but if you are interested in sending a fresh face and perspective to work on the issues we need the most help on: healthcare, education and the basic idea that our government works for us and not for itself, I am asking for your help as never before. [DONATE!](#)

I will keep you up to date on our events and our progress and be sure to be on the look out for naked men in Marple.

All the best,

Tom Quinn  
Democrat for the 165<sup>th</sup>

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**Change in the 165th!**

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