



Dear Tredyffrin Township Democrats and Supporters,

I am deeply disappointed at the outcome of Tuesday's presidential election. I know that you share that disappointment. Many of you worked tirelessly to elect our first woman president, **Hillary Clinton**. Thank you very much for all your hard work. Your efforts are reflected in Tredyffrin's high voter turnout and high level of support for Hillary. I hope you will continue to work to elect progressive candidates at all levels.

I know the shock of watching the battleground states go red on Tuesday night will stay with us for a long time. Pennsylvania, with its 900,000 Democratic voter advantage, voted for Trump by a margin of over 65,000 votes. Clearly, Democrats in some parts of the state and throughout the country voted for an outsider promising big change. They didn't focus on the consequences - for the direction of the Supreme Court, continued access to healthcare, protection of Social Security and Medicare, public education funding, a woman's right to control her own body, protection of our air, water and public lands. The changes planned under Republican rule will alter the way we live, and the make-up of the Supreme Court will affect our lives for decades to come. But there is no going back now.

Though our voices were loud and clear in the southeastern part of the state, we were simply outnumbered. If only half of the 200,000 people who voted for third party candidates had voted for Hillary, Pennsylvania would have gone blue. Sadly, third party voting in Michigan, Wisconsin, Florida and Pennsylvania allowed Trump to win the electoral vote, even if by very small margins.

Though it's academic at this point, Hillary won the popular vote by 395,000, according to CNN. Ironically, Donald Trump tweeted, "The electoral college is a disaster for democracy" back in 2012. Yes, it is, Mr. Trump. Yes, it is.

Katie McGinty's loss largely mirrored Hillary Clinton's. Toomey, who gets an A rating from the NRA and voted NO on a bill to avert a government shutdown over Planned Parenthood funding just won a second 6-year term. He does not represent our values. We NEED to hold him accountable for every vote he takes.

The same goes for 6th District Congressman Ryan Costello. He beat **Mike Parrish** using a series of lie-filled TV ads. Ryan has been linked to indicted felon, Richard Ireland, in a possible pay-to-play scheme while serving as our county commissioner. Though he managed to win a second two-year term, he needs to be called out on every go-along-to-get-along vote he takes over the next two years, and his 2018 opponent should start planning now.

Congrats to three very honorable men who won State row offices on Tuesday. It brings some comfort to know **that Josh Shapiro, Eugene DePasquale and Joe Torsella** will serve as our PA Attorney General, Auditor and Treasurer, respectively. All three have the integrity and experience to serve as governor some day.

Our state senator since 2006, **Andy Dinniman** easily won another 4-year term. Unfortunately, he will return to an even more Republican legislative body. In fact, as of January 2017, PA Senate Republicans



will have a veto-proof majority. Again, we need to commit to making our voices heard and holding our state legislators accountable.

Last but not least, 27-year old **Hans van Mol** made the TTDEMS very proud in his race for the 157th PA House. Though he did not prevail against three-termer Warren Kampf, Hans ran an excellent campaign with a positive and forward-looking message. He knocked thousands of doors and used social media to its best effect. This hard-working young man has a deep commitment to public service, and I am sure he will run successfully for state representative or another office in the future.

Finally, in her heart-felt concession speech, Hillary Clinton asked all of us to “keep doing our part to build that stronger, fairer America we seek.” “Please” she said, “never stop believing that fighting for what’s right is worth it.”

We are still stronger together.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Keohane