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Obama/Biden



Jill Long Thompson

Pete Visclosky



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Executive Board
Left: Local 1010 Grievance
Committee

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Nov. 4

Biography of Jill Long Thompson



Inspired to a career in politics as a youth, Long Thompson served three terms in the U.S. House of Representatives from Indiana's 4th Congressional District from 1989 to 1995. In 1996, Long Thompson was appointed by President Bill Clinton to serve as Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development where she managed over 7,000 employees and a \$10 billion budget. She then served as CEO and Senior Fellow for National Center for Food and Agricultural Policy.

Long Thompson's first election to Congress in 1989 made national headlines because Indiana's 4th Congressional District was considered a "safe" Republican seat once held by then Vice President Dan Quayle. Long Thompson, then known as Jill Long, easily won re-election in 1990 and 1992.

In July 2007, Long Thompson decided to return to Indiana government. She stepped down from her position as CEO of the National Center for Food and Agricultural Policy in order to fully dedicate herself to becoming the next Governor of Indiana. The momentum of Long Thompson's campaign grows every day and Hoosiers from all across Indiana are joining the effort.

Elected officials from Evansville to Gary have recently endorsed her candidacy. **In December 2007, Long Thompson additionally gained the endorsement of the United Steelworkers International, encompassing 45,000 members in Indiana alone, without opposition.** Jim Robinson, Director of Steelworkers District 7, said,

"the Steelworkers are proud to endorse Jill Long Thompson for Governor. Jill has stood with us in many battles to create a better future for working families, both while serving as a Member of Congress and, later, as a concerned citizen. She has supported us over the years and we are enthusiastically supporting her now."

Jill Long Thompson, 54, currently lives with her husband Don Thompson, a commercial airline pilot, in Marshall County on a farm near Argos. She developed a love of the state she was born in while growing up on the family farm outside of Larwill in Whitley County. The first in her family to graduate from college, Long Thompson culminated a deep and abiding respect for education. She went on to receive a B.S. from Valparaiso University (1974), a M.B.A. (1978), a Ph.D (1984) in business from Indiana University and served as Fellow at the Institute of Politics in the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Jill Long Thompson's strong record of protecting the rights and jobs of working families is second to none. As a member of Congress, Long Thompson opposed "fast-track" trading authority and NAFTA which has cost Indiana thousands of jobs – including her own mother's. She also voted to prohibit the permanent replacement of striking workers and to protect the Davis-Bacon Act. She opposed efforts to silence labor unions by prohibiting unions from participating in federal elections. Long Thompson is a strong supporter of the Employee Free Choice Act, raising the minimum wage, and health and safety protections at the workplace.

Long Thompson has a strong record of working to keep good-paying Indiana jobs right here in Indiana – so that working families can raise their families and make a good living.

As Indiana's next Governor, Long Thompson will immediately reinstate the collective bargaining rights for state employees rescinded by Mitch Daniels. And, Long Thompson will fix Daniels' privatization schemes that send Hoosier jobs overseas and put our state at risk.

Jill's Voting Record

**“Jill has always been there for Indiana's working families,
which is why Indiana labor needs to be there for her.”**

– David Altman, President

Indiana Joint Board, Retail Wholesale and Department Store Union

Long Thompson Voted Against NAFTA. [HV 1575, 11/17/93]

Long Thompson Voted Against Fast-Track Trade Authority. [HV 1247, 6/22/93]

Long Thompson Voted to Protect Striking Workers. [HV 1212, 7/17/91]

Long Thompson Voted to Stop the Permanent Replacement of Striking Workers. [HV 1213, 7/17/91; HV 1224, 6/15/93]

Long Thompson Voted for the Family and Medical Leave Act. [HV 2107, 5/10/90; HV 2262, 7/25/90; HV 1393, 11/13/91; HV 2443, 9/30/92]

Long Thompson Voted to Protect Union Participation in Elections. [HV 2316, 8/3/90]

Long Thompson Voted to Restrict Textile Imports. [HV 2335, 9/18/90; HV 2440, 10/10/90]

Long Thompson Voted Against Using Unskilled Workers on Davis-Bacon Construction Projects. [HV 2325, 7/28/92]

Long Thompson Voted for Prevailing Wage Preemptions. [HV 1554, 11/9/93]

Long Thompson Fought to Ensure Pension Benefits and Health Insurance for the Retired Steelworkers of Bankrupt Steel Companies. [South Bend Tribune, 3/9/2002]

Support Candidates That Support YOU!

Vote November 4

How you vote is a personal decision. The USW believes **Jill Long Thompson and Dennie Oxley** are the best candidates for working families.

WHO STANDS FOR WORKERS?



**Steelworker
Endorsed
Candidate for
Governor**

As Governor of Indiana, Jill Long Thompson will:

- ✓ Oppose any Right to Work legislation.
- ✓ Work towards a real solution to the property tax debacle with a comprehensive overhaul of our entire tax structure that ensures that Indiana working families will not be saddled with an unfair burden while the well-to-do and the big corporations are let off the hook.
- ✓ Provide leadership nationally for solutions to the health care crisis that will ensure access to quality, affordable healthcare for all.
- ✓ Provide leadership nationally for new Fair Trade policies that will protect Indiana jobs and Indiana working families.



As Governor of Indiana, Mitch Daniels has:

- Taken collective bargaining rights away from public workers
- Lost 16,650 jobs from 2007 to 2008.
- Signed temporary tax shift that shifts property tax burden to sales tax and local options.
- Privatized Indiana: Leased the Indiana toll road to foreign companies, costing Hoosiers billions of dollars over the 75 year term of the lease. Now he wants to do the same with the Gary Airport.

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH !

VOTE ON TUESDAY NOV. 4TH



Pete Visclosky has been a longtime, loyal friend not only to steelworkers, but to all working families in Northwest Indiana. Here are Pete's views on the issues:

Jobs & The Economy

Pete believes that a good job and strong economy are fundamental to improving the quality of life throughout Northwest Indiana and our country. In Congress, Pete has worked to strengthen our economy and support American workers by standing up to the corporations that ship their good-paying jobs to foreign countries. Pete has authored legislation that would not allow government funding, such as grants and loans, to go to the companies that continue to outsource jobs. Pete believes the flow of jobs overseas also puts downward pressure on the wage rate in our country, and he will continue to stand up for common-sense policies that put an emphasis on American job creation.

In Northwest Indiana, Pete has led the effort to create new jobs, attract new business and develop new economic opportunities for everyone that lives and works here. Recognizing the importance of diversifying our economy, Pete worked with Purdue University to secure \$6.9 million for the construction of the Purdue Technology Center. Now open, this high-tech incubator houses companies involved in the cutting edge work that will help build a new economy in Northwest Indiana: industries like fuel-cell technology, life science pharmaceutical development, and national security initiatives.

Pete will continue to advance projects like the Purdue Technology Center, which invests in our resources, leverages the talented, hard working people who live in Northwest Indiana, and keeps us focused on the future.

Pensions & Social Security

Growing up in the Glen Park section of Gary, Pete remembers a time when people worked hard everyday with the knowledge that they had a promise of a pension and a secure retirement. Pete believes our future generations should have the same stability. That is why Pete favors acting now to strengthen Social Security for the future.

Unfortunately, too many companies have backed out of the pensions that have been promised their workforce. Too many hard-working people and retirees have been left to scramble to make ends meet. Pete believes that in order to improve the private pension system, we must make it more open and accountable, we must make it more difficult for employers to dump the pension promises that they have made, and that employers should remain responsible for any pension losses a retiree or beneficiary has experienced, even after the company uses the bankruptcy process to get rid of its pension responsibilities.

Health Care

Pete believes that every American should have access to quality care, and that healthcare must be reasonably affordable. Consider the fact that a staggering number of Americans—more than 47 million—do not even have health insurance, and an estimated 89.6 million people under the age of 65 have been uninsured at some point in the last two years. This crisis is about people and their wellbeing.

In a country as rich as ours, seniors should not have to be cutting pills in half. Parents should not be asked to make the choice between buying food for the week and taking their kids to the doctors. And those who need critical care should not be turned away from a hospital because they do not have health insurance. That is why we must work together and determine the best course of

action for our future. The people of Northwest Indiana can count on Pete as he continues to fight against rising healthcare costs, battle confusing insurance programs, and to improve the health of citizens in Northwest Indiana.

Energy Independence

America's dependence on foreign oil threatens our living standards, increases the risk of war in the most unstable parts of the world, and accelerates environmental degradation. Both the public and private sectors must make it a priority to reduce this dependence. Through his position on the Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee, Pete has worked to secure more investment in energy research, new energy technology, as well as efficiency and conservation initiatives.

Pete also has worked to make the First Congressional District a leader in developing in developing energy alternatives. Working across party lines, Pete was able to secure \$9.5 million for the construction of a biomass ethanol plant right here in Northwest Indiana. This plant is now operational, creating new markets for local producers, new jobs for area residents, and is a step in the right direction toward achieving robust energy independence for our nation.

Let's show Pete the support he has shown us over the years:



**Vote Visclosky
November 4**

Barack Obama Will Bring Change



For Working Families

**John McCain will not
Change McSame**



Employee Free Choice Act

SUPPORTS EMPLOYEE FREE CHOICE ACT. Obama co-sponsored and voted for the Employee Free Choice Act, which would restore workers' freedom to form unions and bargain for better wages, benefits and working conditions without employer harassment. Obama says, "It's not a matter of if, it's a matter of when" the bill will be passed. (H.R. 800, Vote 227, 6/26/07; Chicago Tribune, 3/4/07)

'STRONGLY OPPOSED' TO EMPLOYEE FREE CHOICE ACT.

McCain said he is "strongly opposed" to this important effort to level the playing field for workers trying to form unions. He voted against the Employee Free Choice Act, which would help save the middle class, and for a national "right to work" for less law that would attempt to eliminate unions altogether. (*Congressional Record*, page S8389, 6/26/07; H.R. 800, Vote 227, 6/26/07; S. 1788 Vote 188, 7/10/96)

Health Care

HEALTH CARE FOR ALL. Obama's health care plan would provide affordable, high-quality coverage for all and would guarantee coverage for those who change jobs or have pre-existing medical conditions. (Campaign website; Speech in Iowa City, Iowa, 5/29/07)

INSURANCE COMPANIES OVER WORKING FAMILIES. McCain wants to tax our health care benefits and push workers into the private market where insurance companies can charge whatever they want and refuse to cover people with pre-existing conditions like cancer. He also plans to give the top 10 health insurance companies \$1.9 billion in tax breaks. (Health08.org, Forum, 10/31/07; Los Angeles Times, 11/20/07; Center for American Progress, 4/9/08)

Retirement Security

PROTECTS OUR RETIREMENT. Obama will protect Social Security from benefit cuts and will not raise the retirement age. He voted against benefit cuts in the U.S. Senate and strongly opposes privatization. He also wants to give seniors making less than \$50,000 a tax cut. (Quad-City Times, 9/21/07; S.C.R. 18, Vote 49, 3/15/05; S.Amdt. 144 to S.C.R. 18, Vote 47, 3/15/05)

WANTS TO PRIVATIZE SOCIAL SECURITY. McCain said he is "totally in favor" of risky personal savings accounts. He strongly supported President Bush's efforts to privatize Social Security and has voted for similar measures multiple times. His chief economic aide also has said McCain will not rule out raising the retirement age or reducing cost-of-living adjustments. (Wall Street Journal, 3/3/08; S.C.R. 83, Vote 68, 3/16/06; S.Amdt. 489 to S.C.R. 21, Vote 89, 3/22/07; S.C.R. 86, Vote 56, 4/1/98; S.C.R. 86, Vote 77, 4/1/98)

Trade Agreements

OPPOSES UNFAIR TRADE DEALS. Obama wants to close corporate tax loopholes so we don't reward corporations for sending our jobs overseas and only enter trade agreements with strong labor protections. He voted against CAFTA and supports extending Trade Adjustment Assistance to help workers who lose their jobs due to bad trade deals. (Obama speech at Building Trades Conference, 4/15/08; Cleveland Democratic Debate, NBC, 2/26/08; S. 1307, Vote 170, 6/30/05; Obama Remarks, Raleigh, N.C., 6/9/08; Obama for America website)

THINKS NAFTA WAS A 'GOOD IDEA.' McCain voted for NAFTA and said, "I know NAFTA was a good idea." He has repeatedly voted for unfair trade deals and supported tax breaks for companies that ship jobs overseas. He also voted to weaken and waive Buy American laws that keep jobs here at home. (Des Moines Register and www.BigThink.com interview, 11/07; H.R. 3450, Vote 395, 11/20/93; H.R. 4444, Vote 251, 9/19/00; S. 1637, Vote 83, 5/5/04; S. 2400, Vote 135, 6/22/04; S. 1050, Vote 191, 5/21/03)

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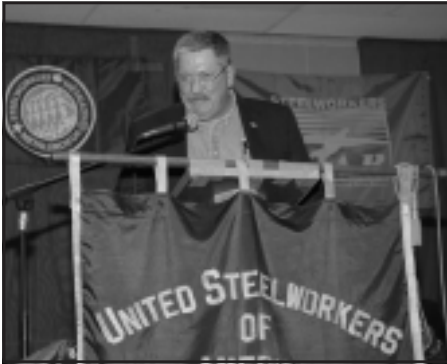
JILL LONG THOMPSON FOR GOVERNOR



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



SUPPORT THOSE WHO SUPPORT US!

Brothers and Sisters,

As we head into November, let's not forget that this will be the most crucial election in our lifetime.

The last eight years have been the most disasterous in the history of the United States of America.

President Bush inherited a record budget surplus when he took office, only to squander it away on a war that was force-fed to Americans with lies and deception. **His sucessor will inherit a record budget deficit** that will take decades to pay down, **on the backs of our children and grandchildren!**

We have lost millions of good paying jobs due to unfair trade policies and tax breaks to corporations who move offshore to use slave labor to make obscene profits, **while gouging American consumers!**

Now, we are bailing out Wall Street and corporate America with almost a trillion dollars of taxpayer money, when this crisis was created by these unregulated high rollers with no thought or concern for the average working American!

It is time for change in America, and four more years of bad policies will not bring this change. Vote for the candidates who support working families.



In Solidarity,

Tom Hangrope

Vote Obama/Biden, Jill Long Thompson and Pete Visclosky.

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