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Coalition protest to coincide with “Cocktails for Congressmen” event in Rosemont
Grassroots groups will Hold Roskam Accountable on Monday, June 19 at 5:00pm

Rosemont, ILL. - While the Illinois GOP celebrates its corporate agenda at a lavish "Cocktails with Congressmen" fundraiser in Rosemont, the Coalition for a Better Illinois 6th will hold Rep. Peter Roskam and his Republican congressional colleagues accountable at a protest rally outside Gene & Georgetti's Steakhouse in Rosemont where the reception will be held on Monday, June 19th at 5:30pm.

Governor Bruce Rauner will be the special guest at the fundraising event. Hosts will pay \$10,000 and sponsors will pay \$2,5000 to attend an elite private reception prior beginning at 5:30pm. Guests paying \$100 each will be able to attend the general reception an hour later.

“While wealthy contributors can gain access to Rep. Roskam at closed events, his constituents have been unable to meet with him in an open forum for more than 8 years,” said Reid McCollum, co-chair of the Coalition. “We will remind Roskam and his colleagues, that we expect our elected officials to represent their constituents rather than corporate donors and that we will not stand for their indifference to constituents’ need for affordable health care.”

“We want Roskam to know that the voters of the 6th Congressional District are angry about his votes to repeal the ACA, his 97% support for President Trump’s legislative agenda, his deference to big business and large donors, and his lack of responsiveness to the needs and interests of his constituents,” said Dianne McGuire, a leader of Indivisible Naperville, a member of the Coalition. “Since our Congressman won’t meet with us, we keep going to him.”

The governor, in his third year in office without a budget, refuses to publicly oppose the proposed cuts to Medicaid in the AHCA and thinks it’s more important to raise money for his corporate agenda than to bring legislators together to pass a budget and to restore the social services net that has been shredded under his tenure.

About the Coalition for a Better Illinois 6th:

The Coalition for a Better Illinois 6th (CBIL6) is a network of more than 25 grassroots groups representing more than 20,000 members in the 6th Congressional District of Illinois who believe people in the United States of America deserve equal and fair treatment regardless of their race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or socioeconomic status, and that a successful democracy requires an informed and engaged public. More information: <http://betterillinois6th.com>.

Who: The Coalition for a Better Illinois 6th

What: Holding Congressman Roskam Accountable - at "Cocktails with Congressmen"

When: 5:00pm Monday, June 19

Where: Press Conference sidewalk Higgins Road & River Road, Rosemont, IL; Protest Gene & Georgetti Steakhouse, 9421 W Higgins Rd, Rosemont, IL

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