

included the support of a systematic withdrawal of troops from Iraq, health care coverage for all American children, advocacy for the environment, finding ways to fight climate change and promoting the development of cleaner energy sources.

On the local level, she knew the region where her company serves its customers, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, was where there had to be a focus on preserving local employers, and manufacturing jobs in particular, in order to survive economically.

She went on to raise the money necessary to fund her campaign, and won a four-way Democratic primary by 20 points with 44 percent of the vote. In the actual election, she went on to defeat the incumbent with a narrow margin of 51 to 49 percent.

A ranking member of the House Small Business Committee and chair of the Subcommittee on Regulations, Health Care and Trade, U.S. Rep. Dahlkemper serves on the subcommittee on Rural & Urban Entrepreneurship, allowing her to have a voice for small businesses throughout the district. "As a small business owner, I proactively sought this committee because it is important that I do all I can to help our region retain and grow the businesses that we have and work to help attract new businesses to our district," she says.

Additionally, U.S. Rep Dahlkemper has been assigned to the House Committee on Agriculture, serving on the following subcommittees: Conservation, Credit, Energy & Research and Department Operations, Oversight, and Nutrition and Forestry.

The Professional Landcare Network (PLANET) is pleased to see one of its members now in high office for the very first time. It recently held a fundraiser for her re-election during their annual Legislative Day on the Hill dinner in mid-July.

"We are encouraged that U.S. Rep. Dahlkemper has already been appointed to some very key committees on small business and the environment," says Tom Delaney, PLANET's director of government affairs. "She understands what it takes to run a small business and has worked directly on environmental projects. These committee positions will allow her to address local and national issues of significance for our industry."

U.S. Rep. Dahlkemper's local notability hasn't been a factor for increased business for Dahlkemper's company.

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