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Andrew Romanoff (D) – CO-6 – Challenger

This is the hottest Congressional race in the country. Politico says, “Colorado’s 6th could be 2014’s tightest race.” It’s being closely watched partly because of the challenger’s bold, outspoken position on climate change and could be a defining race. Romanoff is challenging a 4-term incumbent who is weak on climate change and his opponent’s lead is growing.

Peter Aguilar (D) – CA 31 – Challenger – Open Seat

Pundits say the seat will likely fall to Democrats, but that is not guaranteed. Aguilar supports assertive action on reducing carbon emissions and combating climate change. According to the Highland News, his opponent does not believe there is global warming. Republican Representative Gary Miller formerly held the seat. As the issue becomes harder to ignore, so does the need for strong federal action by our elected officials.

Scott Peters (D) – CA 52 – Incumbent

Scott Peters is an incumbent member of the U.S. House who, despite winning in 2012 by only 2.4%, has demonstrated leadership on climate change. Political analyst Charlie Cook of *The Cook Political Report* gives the Democrats a slight advantage and like others, calls the district a toss-up. This is a very competitive race between candidates with very different backgrounds on climate change. This race could foretell a future in which only climate leaders win elections.

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Gary Peters (D)- Michigan U.S. Senate – Challenger - Open Seat

Gary Peter’s slim lead is widening, “But Michigan Democrat Gary Peters is making the climate cause a central message in his neck-and-neck Senate campaign, in a state that for decades built gas-guzzling cars into a foundation of the U.S. economy,” according to Politico. Peter’s aggressive stance on climate change, in a year when candidates on both sides of the isle are ducking the issue, makes this a race about climate change.

Jeanne Shaheen (D) – New Hampshire U.S. Senate – Incumbent

This race is being called a dead heat, ironic given the issue. A recent New England College polls gives Shaheen a slight edge of 47.1% of likely voters over her carpet bagger opponent with 46.6%, who flip flops like a fish out of water, on the climate issue. Senator Shaheen’s website says, “It is now time for Congress and the President to follow New Hampshire’s lead and come together and enact a federal, mandatory greenhouse gas program to cut carbon pollution by 80 percent by 2050.”

Al Franken (D) – Minnesota U.S. Senate – Incumbent

Senator Franken is a leader in the effort to address climate change. “Severe weather patterns exacerbated by climate change are costing taxpayers a lot of money now, and it’s only going to get worse over time,” according to Franken’s U.S. Senate website. “Congress needs to enact legislation that puts a price on carbon emissions and transitions our economy to renewable, homegrown sources of energy,” said Franken. While Franken’s opponent claimed to believe in climate change, he was named to the League of Conservation Voter’s (LCV) Dirty Dozen list.