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MEMORANDUM

TO: Kratovil For Congress Committee
FROM: Frederick Yang
DATE: October 10, 2008
RE: Recent Maryland 1st CD Survey Results

Our recent survey results show Frank Kratovil with critical momentum in the closing weeks of the campaign, and he has now forged ahead of Republican Andy Harris in the congressional trial heat.

Following are the current trial heat standings for U.S. Congress:

	<u>All Voters</u>
	%
Frank Kratovil	43
Andy Harris	41
Undecided	16

There are several important reasons for Frank Kratovil's strong showing in a Republican-held district.

First, Kratovil is winning decisively among independents, which is a key indicator of his broad-based political support. Currently, Frank Kratovil leads Andy Harris by a strong 50%-to-21% margin among registered independents.

Second, Frank Kratovil maintains a solid profile that is nearly two to one positive, despite withstanding several weeks of television attacks by the Harris campaign. By contrast, Andy Harris has a polarizing image of 27% positive and 27% negative, including two-to-one NEGATIVE ratios among Democrats and independent voters.

The poll clearly shows that Frank Kratovil's campaign of independent, common-sense change is generating strong bipartisan appeal among 1st CD residents (exemplified by his endorsement by REPUBLICAN Congressman Wayne Gilchrest). In fact, it is significant that among the electorate who know BOTH candidates, Frank Kratovil holds a double-digit 50%-to-39% lead over Andy Harris.

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We understand that Harris will likely receive significant assistance from his right-wing allies (such as the Club For Growth, which funneled over \$1 million into the Republican primary campaign in support of Harris). Yet, if Frank Kratovil has the resources in the closing weeks to communicate his message, we believe that he has strong prospects of winning this congressional seat.

This memorandum is based on a survey of 401 likely voters in Maryland's First C.D. conducted October 6 and 7, 2008. The survey has a margin of error of $\pm 5\%$.