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TO: The 4th Estate
FROM: Dan Conston, CLF President
RE: IL-14: Lauren Underwood's Quiet Extremism

Since coming to Congress just a few months ago, Congresswoman Underwood has quietly aligned herself with the most liberal and extreme parts of the Democratic base, while evading scrutiny of her increasingly radical record. Underwood has taken shockingly extreme positions far outside where Illinois 14 voters are ideologically – a district that President Trump won by nearly 4 points. But her leftward lurch is a story that has yet to be told by the political media. Instead of attempting to find common ground with this traditionally Republican district, Underwood has discreetly established an outlandish record. Below are several recent examples.

FALSE ATTACKS ON OUR BORDER PATROL

Underwood recently used her time at a congressional hearing to falsely attack border patrol officers and accuse them of “[intentionally](#)” killing innocent children. Her remarks were considered so over the line that her colleagues [voted](#) across party lines to strike them from the Congressional record.

EXCUSING ANTI-SEMITIC HATE

While Ilhan Omar and Rashida Tlaib repeatedly hurl anti-Semitic comments, Congresswoman Underwood does nothing to stand up to their abhorrent language. At a recent town hall meeting, Underwood was asked outright whether she would condemn anti-Semitic hatred from her colleagues. Shockingly, she responded by saying she takes Omar “[at her word](#).” But which words? That Jews can't be loyal to America? That Israel has “hypnotized the world?” Voters want to know.

COZYING UP TO SOCIALISTS

Despite representing a district won by President Trump, Congresswoman Underwood has embraced the far-left, touting a voting record more extreme than even Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, according to [Nate Silver's FiveThirtyEight Project](#). Ocasio-Cortez endorsed Congresswoman Underwood, served as one of Underwood's main surrogates, and helped raise money for her campaign.

UNDERWOOD IS A FAKE NURSE

Congresswoman Underwood has never once treated a patient and failed her nursing exam on the first try – an exam passed by 90% of test takers. While she's registered to practice nursing and shows up in campaign ads in scrubs, Underwood has [never practiced nursing](#) in Illinois or anywhere in the country.

BOTTOM LINE

There is a major narrative unfolding in a key competitive district as Underwood moves further and further left, but the story remains untold. Simply put, the initial perception of Congresswoman Underwood does not match the increasingly liberal reality of her record.

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