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REPRESENTATIVE TONG ENDORSES BARACK OBAMA, FORMER STUDENT TO SUPPORT SENATOR FOR PRESIDENT

Democratic State Rep. **William Tong (D-Stamford, New Canaan)** formally endorsed Senator **Barack Obama (D-IL)** today for President of the United States of America. A former student of Senator Obama at the University of Chicago Law School, Rep. Tong was inspired by Senator Obama to service and to become the first Asian American to be elected at the state level in Connecticut's history.

"I am honored to be the first elected official in Connecticut to formally endorse Senator Obama for President. As a student in Senator Obama's Constitutional Law class, I witnessed first hand the strength of Senator Obama's intellect, his deep understanding of our constitutional principles and values, and the power of his vision for this country and our people. His campaign is a call to hope and a call to service that I, like so many other young people in this country, are compelled to answer. He challenged me as student, he inspired me to run for office, and I am so excited that Senator Obama will lead our country as the next President of the United States."

Representative Tong thanked Senator Dodd for his important and honorable campaign for President. "I am so proud of Senator Dodd's campaign, and I am grateful for his fight to restore habeas corpus and the strength and vigor of our constitutional rights. Senator Dodd's successful stand in the Senate against retroactive immunity for companies that trample our civil liberties was a singular example of courage and leadership. I had hoped that Senator Dodd could continue his campaign for President, but it is a privilege and an honor for all of us in Connecticut, and in this country, that he will continue to fight for us in the United States Senate."

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