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Carlin knows value of consensus and she knows how to build it

To the Editor:

A recent letter to the editor urged the public to vote strictly by party affiliation — as though registered members of a political party were always like-minded. It is true each party has a platform as a guide but, in fact, not all members of either party adhere to the party line.

The past two legislative terms have seen members of one of the political parties differ heatedly as they considered the bills before them. In times like these the Legislature needs leaders in both political parties who are willing and able to work across party lines to reach consensus on issues. It is the only way progress can be made in the next legislative session.

Our representative, Sydney Carlin, is the incumbent in the 66th District. One of her greatest strengths is her ability to study a bill and the issues in it, bring out significant facts in discussion and move the process toward consensus. As noted in another recent letter, "politics is the art of compromise." Rep. Carlin has served us well in this regard. I urge you to vote for her Nov. 7.

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