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## Carlin an advocate of education who knows her students well

To the Editor:

We usually agree with Rep. Sydney Carlin's positions on major issues. We applauded when she helped balance the state budget without raising taxes. We have admired her commitment to business growth, affordable health care and quality public education. However, our vote for Sydney this year is not based entirely on the issues.

We've walked through much of her district with her during her three legislative campaigns. We've noticed that she knows her constituents. Before she knocks on the door, she'll say things like, "Now this lady is 78 years old. She lives on a fixed income and really struggles to pay property taxes." Sure enough, a 78-year-old woman answers the door and thanks Sydney for holding the line on taxes. We've also been impressed at how carefully she listens to her constituents. She takes notes and asks lots of questions. A frequent question from Sydney is, "Now, what can I do in Topeka to help with that?" She writes down the answers, then she goes to work.

Sydney has lived in Manhattan for many years. She has served the people of Manhattan in elected office and in volunteer positions for many years. She knows us well. We don't want a representative who doesn't know us or our community. We want Sydney Carlin to continue representing the 66th District in Topeka. We've already voted for her. Please join us, on or before Nov. 7.  
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