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“JOHN KATKO HAS EARNED THE RIGHT TO CONTINUE THIS FIGHT”
Auburn parents highlight Katko’s work to combat Central New York heroin and opioid drug epidemic

Syracuse, New York – Congressman John Katko (NY-24), the endorsed Republican, Conservative, and Independence candidate for U.S. Congress today released his campaign’s second television ad.

The sixty-second spot entitled “Continue this Fight”, features John and Tina Socci of Cayuga County, both registered Democrats, who have been tragically affected by the heroin and opiate epidemic ravaging Central New York. The Socci’s lost their daughter, Katie, five years ago when she was killed by her ex-fiancé – a man addicted to opiate-based painkillers. Just over two years later, the Socci family lost their son, Chris, to a heroin overdose. Despite the heartbreak of losing two of their children, John and Tina Socci have become relentless community advocates in the fight against the heroin and opiate drug epidemic, sharing their story publicly to provide support and inspire change to individuals currently struggling with addiction and their families. They have worked alongside Congressman Katko as members of the Heroin Epidemic Action League (HEAL) to legislatively combat this epidemic.

The television commercial begins airing immediately on area broadcast and cable television. It can be accessed [here](#).

The Socci’s on-air testimonial reads:

Our daughter was killed five years ago by her ex-fiancé.

He had become addicted to opiate-based painkillers and he strangled Katie to death . . . in front of their 18-month-old daughter.

Just over two years later, our son passed away . . . on his 25th birthday . . . from a heroin overdose.

We have adopted our granddaughter. I hope she grows up in a better world than this. We can’t bring back our son or our daughter, but we can help.

We know that John Katko is willing to do whatever it takes. Whatever it takes to battle drug abuse, to battle domestic violence.

John Katko has helped us. John Katko has been a very good ally.

As a federal prosecutor, he knows the danger of drugs.

When John Katko tells you he is going to do something, he does it.

John Katko has earned the right to continue this fight.

Congressman John Katko was elected in November 2014 to represent 24th Congressional District of New York, which includes Onondaga, Cayuga, and Wayne Counties and the western portion of Oswego County.

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