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## MEMBERS OF CENTRAL NEW YORK LABOR COMMUNITY LINE UP TO SUPPORT JOHN KATKO FOR CONGRESS

### *Trades & Construction Unions Announce Katko Endorsement, Citing Independence, Bipartisan Record & Willingness to Break with Party*

**SYRACUSE, NY** – Standing before the Interstate 81 viaduct this morning, members of the Central New York labor community announced their strong support for John Katko in his re-election campaign for the 24<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of New York.

Since taking office in January 2015, Congressman Katko has been an independent voice for Central New York in Congress. He has fought through gridlock to deliver a long-term highway bill and grow the local economy. He has stood up to his party when it is in the best interest of Central New York, fighting for fair trade policies and affordable healthcare. This morning's endorsement represents recognition of that independence by the local labor community.

"Congressman Katko has demonstrated the ability to roll up his sleeves and assist a struggling community to retain good paying jobs, while delivering funding for the future repair or replacement of Interstate 81. Central New York needs a member of congress that independently delivers what our community requires to thrive. This is why John Katko is our choice," **said Greg Lancette, President - Central and Northern New York Building and Construction Trades Council, representing 5,000 hard working men and women in the construction industry.**

"It has been my privilege to represent these hardworking men and women in Congress, and I'm incredibly proud to have earned their endorsement," **said Congressman John Katko at this morning's event.** "I'll always put Central New York's interests first – and will fight for good jobs, investment in our local infrastructure, and fair trade."

**Members of the following labor unions were in attendance this morning to announce their support for Congressman Katko:**

- **IUOE Local 158**, International Union of Operating Engineers
- **UA Local 73**, United Association of Plumbers & Pipefitters
- **UA Local 267**, United Association of Plumbers & Pipefitters
- **LIUNA Local 633**, Laborer's International Union of North America
- **AWIU Local 30**, International Association of Heat & Frost Insulators
- **IBEW Local 43**, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
- **BLET Division 169**, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineer & Trainmen
- **SMART Local 58**, International Association of Sheet Metal, Air Rail & Transportation Workers
- **IUPAT District Council 4**, International Union of Painters & Allied Trades
- **UURWAW Local 195**, United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers & Allied Workers
- **UA Local 669**, Road Sprinkler Fitters
- **IUEC Local 62**, International Union of Elevator Constructors
- **NRCC Local 277**, Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters

Members of **Teamsters Local 317** were also in attendance in support of Congressman Katko this morning. Their endorsement vote for the 24<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of New York is expected later this month.

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

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