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## **Colleen Deacon Doesn't Show Up For Work: Instead of Helping FitzPatrick Employees, Colleen Deacon Leaves Her Job to Launch Political Career**

### ***Colleen Deacon Comes Out Against Nuclear Power***

**SYRACUSE, NY** – Following the [first televised debate between Congressman John Katko and Colleen Deacon on Time Warner Cable](#) in which candidate Colleen Deacon revealed to voters that she did not work to save FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant because it was her “last week of work,” the Katko for Congress campaign released the below statement:

“Tonight, Colleen Deacon revealed her failure to support nuclear power, the hundreds of hardworking men and women working at the FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant and their families, and the many communities throughout the 24th Congressional District whose economies so heavily rely on nuclear power. When asked why she did not accept the invitation in her role as Regional Director for Sen. Gillibrand to join with Congressman Katko and local leaders to save FitzPatrick, Colleen Deacon simply stated that it was her ‘last week of work’ and she was leaving her job to run for Congress.

“Colleen Deacon also divulged to voters tonight her lack of support for a rate alignment – offset by the jobs saved at Fitzpatrick – and new nuclear power. These comments blatantly ignore nuclear power as a dependable source of emissions-free energy and a key part of New York’s plan to dramatically increase the emissions-free portion of the state’s energy mix. Colleen's comments are especially concerning, given that the 24th Congressional District is home to four nuclear power plants.

“While Congressman Katko was working alongside local, state and federal leaders in a bipartisan manner to keep FitzPatrick open and to protect the jobs of the hundreds of highly skilled men and women from across Central and Upstate New York, Colleen Deacon was more focused on launching her political career.”

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