

COLLEEN DEACON – NOT SHOWING UP FOR WORK

SYRACUSE, NEW YORK – Today, the **Katko for Congress** campaign highlighted Colleen Deacon's failure to address five key issues confronting the 24th Congressional district during the 12-year tenure that she spent working in government, first for the City of Syracuse and then as Regional Director for Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand.

Deacon often touts her record as the "point person" in the region on economic development. That position bears closer scrutiny to gauge her overall effectiveness during this time.

Five Times Colleen Deacon Didn't Show Up to Work on Key Issues Facing Central New York:

1. Failure to Secure Infrastructure Funding

Despite having claimed to deliver federal resources to the district, Colleen Deacon and her boss were unable to deliver significant infrastructure funding. John Katko promised to fight for a solid, long-term infrastructure bill and, serving as a lead negotiator between the House and Senate, he succeeded.

2. Failure to Lead on FitzPatrick

When it was announced that FitzPatrick faced imminent closure, John Katko got to work alongside a bipartisan group of state, federal, and company officials to find a solution to save the hundreds of FitzPatrick jobs and protect the upstate nuclear industry.

Colleen Deacon and her boss were nowhere to be found. She and her boss failed to engage with local workers and the community and did not participate in a bipartisan rally to Save FitzPatrick.

3. Failed to Serve as a Resource for Syracuse Residents Affected by

FEMA Flood Mapping Over the course of a decade, FEMA's flood remapping process was conducted and hundreds of homes were added to areas where flood insurance was required. City residents were not sufficiently included in the process or informed of its progress, and Colleen Deacon did nothing to change that. Colleen Deacon did not acknowledge the issue until she was a candidate for office.

Despite entering office after the maps were finalized, John Katko has met with

local residents to hear their concerns, developed a plan of action going forward, and offered to aid any resident looking for information or assistance.

4. Failed to Aid Owasco Lake Congressman Katko and his office have been engaged in Cayuga County's manure management working group for the last two years in order to deal with algal blooms in Owasco Lake.

Colleen Deacon didn't show up to working group meetings and has been, until recently, largely silent on the issue.

5. Failed to Address the International Joint Commission's Plan 2014

During Colleen Deacon's tenure as a Federal official, Plan 2014 has emerged as a priority issue for homeowners and residents in Wayne, Oswego, and Cayuga Counties. Colleen Deacon has not articulated a position on this issue, nor has she engaged with local stakeholders.

John Katko has prioritized this important issue. He has worked at home and in Washington to elevate the discussion on Plan 2014 to ensure a full and open dialogue on the potential impact the IJC's proposal could have on the local shoreline, as well as local tourism, recreation, business, and agriculture.

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