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## OSWEGO COUNTY LEADERS: COLLEEN DEACON FAILED TO SUPPORT NUCLEAR POWER, FITZPATRICK & OUR COMMUNITY

**Syracuse, New York** – This morning, [less than a week after Colleen Deacon came out against vital rate parity to save nuclear power plans and expressed her opposition to new nuclear power](#), leaders from across Oswego County expressed their concern with her ability to serve Oswego County in Congress.

“Oswego’s economy depends on nuclear power. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant provides more than just high-paying jobs – it supports our local school districts, small businesses, and countless families in our community and is a critical source of emissions-free energy. We need a strong advocate in Congress who will work with both sides to be an advocate for our community and for nuclear power on the federal level. John Katko has been that leader,” **said City of Oswego Mayor Billy Barlow**. “And while John Katko has been fighting for us, his opponent has been taking orders from her party in Washington. She showed her true allegiances last week when she revealed that she could not show up to help Oswego County families rally to Save FitzPatrick because it was her ‘last week of work’. She’s outlined that she does not support new nuclear power or the vital rate parity that saved jobs here in Oswego County. John Katko has been a steady, bipartisan advocate for us in Congress – and I look forward to continuing to work with him to make Oswego a better place.”

**Oswego County Clerk Mike Backus stated**, “When I first met John Katko back in 2014, he asked me about the economy in Oswego County and our conversation revolved around our nuclear power plants. He knew then the importance of FitzPatrick and Nine Mile, and that knowledge has only grown over the past two years. As Congressman, John Katko led the coalition supporting FitzPatrick and fought actively to save not only those jobs at the plant, but all the ancillary benefits those jobs create in Oswego County. That leadership was recognized just last week when he received the endorsement of IBEW Local 97. Oswego County deserves strong advocates to fight for jobs and the economy – and Colleen Deacon has made clear she’s not willing to put local interests first. John Katko is a true advocate for all of Central New York and I look forward to continuing to work with him on supporting clean, renewable

energy production including nuclear power in Oswego County.”

“John Katko understands the importance of nuclear power to the economy and community of Oswego County,” **said Chairman of the Oswego County Legislature, Kevin Gardener.** “John Katko has been a strong advocate for safe and reliable nuclear energy in Congress and has been a consistent supporter of Oswego County’s nuclear energy industry. Unlike his opponent, John Katko was there for the employees of FitzPatrick. He not only attended the rallies and events to show support for employees and their families, he also led the charge to save the plant itself. It is clear why he has earned the support of IBEW Local 97, the union that represents the nuclear workers at FitzPatrick. I am confident that John Katko will continue to be a leader and advocate for nuclear energy and Oswego County.”

“John Katko has prioritized Oswego County jobs since Day 1. This is evident by the support he has received from Local 97, representing the nuclear workers at FitzPatrick,” **said Shane Broadwell, Oswego County Legislator representing the City of Oswego and the Town of Scriba.** “But his opponent has come out against rate parity to save plants, new nuclear power, and she was absent in supporting our community when we needed it most. While she’s more concerned about listening to her party’s position, John Katko has been with us from the start.”

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