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IFPTE Backs Rep. Gillibrand, Tonko for U.S. House Northeastern V.P. Trembley Calls Upstate New York Endorsements “Critical”

WASHINGTON, DC –Following the lead of the 2.5 million member New York State AFL-CIO, the International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers (IFPTE) today announced their backing for two upstate New York U.S. House candidates, Congresswoman Kristen Gillibrand (D, NY) in the 20th Congressional District, and Paul Tonko for the 21st Congressional District.

IFPTE Northeastern Area Vice President, Charlie Trembley, issued the following comment in response to IFPTE’s endorsement:

“IFPTE is proud to support both of these pro-worker candidates in upstate New York. Kristen Gillibrand is a staunch supporter of working families, as evidenced by her cosponsorship and vote in support of the Employee Free Choice Act. Among the many important issues that she is currently working on, Representative Gillibrand is aggressively pursuing policies and legislation to bring quality, affordable healthcare to all Americans.

“I am also pleased to announce IFPTE’s backing of former Assemblyman Paul Tonko for the open House seat in the 21st Congressional District. Assemblyman Tonko will bring a wealth of knowledge to the House, particularly as it relates to our nation’s need for a comprehensive energy policy that not only makes the nation free from our dependence on foreign oil, but also creates good paying, American jobs where workers have an ability to collectively bargain. Tonko has also pledged to be an original cosponsor of the Employee Free Choice Act, to give workers in the private sector a real opportunity to form and join unions absent employer firings and intimidation.

“There is little doubt that these two seats in New York are critical when it comes to increasing the numbers of pro-worker lawmakers in Congress, which is why IFPTE is proud to support both Congresswoman Gillibrand and former Assemblyman Tonko for Congress. Each of these candidates will fight for working people.”

The 20th District includes the cities of Glens Falls, and Saratoga Springs, and runs from Warren to Dutchess and Delaware Counties, while the 21st District includes the cities of Albany and Schenectady and runs as far west as Montgomery County.

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