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## IFPTE Announces New Jersey Congressional Endorsements State Primary is Scheduled For June 3<sup>rd</sup>

WASHINGTON, DC – With the New Jersey primary less than one week away, the International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers (IFPTE), AFL-CIO, announced its endorsement today for several of the State's Congressional candidates.

Following the lead of the IFPTE Atlantic Council's endorsements, the IFPTE International is pleased to endorse the following candidates:

- Senator Frank Lautenberg (D) for Senate;
- Rep. Frank LoBiondo (R), 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District
- State Senator John Adler (D), 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District
- Rep. Christopher Smith (R), 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District
- Assemblywoman Linda Stender (D), 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District
- Rush Holt (D), 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District

IFPTE officers and Locals offered the following views on the union's endorsements:

IFPTE President Gregory Junemann:

"IFPTE is pleased that New Jersey's voters are able to send such a bipartisan group of labor supporters to the Congress on a consistent basis. Whether it is Congressmen LoBiondo, Smith and Holt, or Senator Lautenberg, New Jersey stands as a shining example to other states that just because you wear a particular party label, you don't have to be against the interest of working men and women. IFPTE is pleased to follow the lead of the Atlantic Council in backing these fine candidates."

IFPTE Local 195 statement:

"IFPTE Local 195 is proud to reconfirm our backing of all of these candidates. Each of these people, whether they are already serving in Congress or are striving to win a seat at the Federal level, have proven track records of support for the hallmark issues facing labor. Local 195 looks forward to working with them on such key federal issues to New Jersey State workers as the Transportation Equity Act (TEA), protecting state jobs and taxpayers against wasteful privatization schemes, and their support for the preservation of state pensions and healthcare benefits."

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IFPTE Local 3 President John Garrity:

“As an avid supporter of IFPTE, and collective bargaining overall, working men and women in America are better off with Senator Lautenberg fighting for us all in the United States Senate. Like Sen. Lautenberg, Congressman LoBiondo has also been a steadfast advocate for IFPTE, particularly in relation to Department of Defense Civil Servants. Rep. LoBiondo has defended the rights of these workers on such issues as NSPS and A-76, and his overall labor voting record has consistently reflected a common sense approach to issues which affect working families. Lastly, Congressman Smith has been a strong advocate on critically important labor issues as well, including supporting the Employee Free Choice Act and the preservation of collective bargaining rights for DoD civilian employees.”

IFPTE Atlantic Area VP, and Local 194 Officer, John Lowden:

“Linda Stender, who is currently a New Jersey Assemblywoman has a very good labor voting record and will undoubtedly be a huge asset to workers. John Adler, who is running for Jim Saxton's vacant seat, is currently a Democratic State Senator with an unblemished labor record. Both Adler and Stender will be excellent additions to Congress and promise to vote for EFCA, in addition to assisting the House Democratic Majority be in a stronger position to move many key labor issues. Last, but certainly not least, Senator Lautenberg, who has been a longtime friend of the Atlantic Area Locals, is a champion for labor in the Senate and has a proven voting record.

IFPTE is a labor union representing 85,000 plus workers, including tens of thousands of State workers in New Jersey.

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