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### **IFPTE Endorses Representative Adam Smith for Re-election**

**In first Congressional endorsement for the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress, IFPTE calls Smith, “a longtime champion of working families”**

WASHINGTON, DC – This week the International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers (IFPTE) announced the union’s support of Congressman Adam Smith for a 14<sup>th</sup> term in the United States House of Representatives. In doing so, IFPTE’s executive officers issued the following statements:

IFPTE President Paul Shearon:

“IFPTE is proud to lend our full backing to Congressman Smith as he seeks a 14<sup>th</sup> term in the House of Representatives. With nearly twenty-seven years serving the constituents of Washington’s Ninth Congressional District, including thousands of IFPTE Local 2001/SPEEA, Local 12, and Local 8A members, Representative Smith and his staff have not only delivered for their constituents at home, but they have also been solid supporters of labor and collective bargaining rights in Washington, DC. Just as Representative Smith has been there for IFPTE members and for unions overall, IFPTE is here to support him.”

IFPTE Secretary-Treasurer/Legislative Director Matt Biggs:

“As Chairman of the powerful House Armed Services Committee, Congressman Smith has established himself as one of the most influential lawmakers in our nation. In that role, he works in bipartisan fashion to guarantee that our nation’s military and DOD civilian personnel have the resources and tools necessary to protect the nation. As the author of the annual National Defense Authorization Act in the House, he also puts a high priority on protecting worker collective bargaining rights, just as he did in last year when the Trump Administration attempted to unilaterally strip 770,000 DOD civilian workers of their union representation. Equally important is the Congressman’s cosponsorship and vote of approval for The PRO Act, labor’s number one legislative priority to bring fairness back to workers who are involved in organizing campaigns. Congressman Smith has stood with labor for his entire Congressional career, which spans over two in a half decades, and IFPTE is proud to support him.”

IFPTE is a labor union representing upwards of 90,000 workers in the private, public and federal sectors, including upwards of 30,000 private and federal sector workers in Washington State.

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