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IFPTE Endorses Rep. Andy Kim for United States Senate

Congressman Kim "has been a champion for New Jersey's working families"

WASHINGTON, DC – The International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers (IFPTE), representing upwards of 90,000 workers across North America, including tens of thousands of public sector workers in New Jersey, announced their endorsement of Congressman Andy Kim for the United States Senate.

Below are comments from IFPTE national leaders:

IFPTE President Matt Biggs: "IFPTE was relieved and pleased when we learned earlier this week that Congressman Kim had announced his candidacy for the Senate. Congressman Kim has been one of IFPTE's strongest champions in the House of Representatives and there is no doubt he will continue to do that in the Senate. He is pro-worker and pro-Union and IFPTE is honored to give him our full backing."

IFPTE Secretary-Treasurer Gay Henson: "Congressman Kim has always been there for the members of IFPTE, for both IFPTE-specific issues and the larger labor issues that we have brought to him. As a former federal employee at the State Department, he knows firsthand the importance of the federal civil service. He is a champion for New Jersey's working families and is a strong supporter of collective bargaining rights. IFPTE is proud to support him."

IFPTE Atlantic Area Vice President/IFPTE Local 196 President Sean McBride: "It is important to remember that Representative Kim was the first pro-union, pro-worker Congressman that the 3rd Congressional District of New Jersey has had in a very long time, and since entering Congress in 2019 he has endorsed and cosponsored the Protecting the Right to Organize Act to help level the playing field for workers who are seeking to organize unions. He has also been a strong supporter of the Public Sector Freedom to Negotiate Act to help mitigate the damage done by the Supreme Court Janus decision rendering all state and local government workplaces as 'right-to-work for less' employers. IFPTE members represented by Local 196, and all throughout New Jersey, quickly learned that Congressman Kim had their backs in Congress, and he continues to do so. IFPTE is excited and humbled to back him for the Senate and will do our part to get the vote out for him."

IFPTE Atlantic Area Vice President/IFPTE Local 195 Trustee Chair Steve Pinto: "I am not only a proud IFPTE member and international Executive Council member, but I am also a constituent of Congressman Kim. So, I obviously have a first-hand account of how he has delivered time and time again for all his constituents here in the third district. IFPTE proudly supports his candidacy."

IFPTE Local 195 President Deborah Spencer: "All throughout his service in the House of Representatives, Congressman Kim has proven himself time and time again to be a champion of working families. He throws partisanship out the window and instead focuses on getting the job done for New Jersey's working families, and we believe he will continue that in the Senate."

Learn more about Congressman Kim here.

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