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NUCLEAR WORKERS STAND WITH KATKO

As Colleen Deacon Doubles Down on Her Opposition of Nuclear Power, IBEW LOCAL 97 Announces Support for Katko

Syracuse, New York – Today, as Colleen Deacon rolled out the carpet for another special interest group, the thousands of local men and women represented by **IBEW Local 97** announced their strong support for **Congressman John Katko**.

IBEW Local 97, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, represents the hardworking men and women employed at nuclear power plants in the 24th Congressional District – including the James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant.

[IBEW Local 97's endorsement of Congressman Katko comes the morning after Colleen Deacon came out against nuclear power in a Time Warner Cable News debate.](#) During the debate, Deacon made clear to voters her unwillingness to support future nuclear power, vital rate parity, and the hundreds of Central New Yorkers employed at power plants in the 24th Congressional District. Deacon also announced last night that she declined to join with Congressman Katko and a bipartisan group of federal, state, and local leaders to save FitzPatrick, because it was her "last week of work" and she was leaving her job to launch her political career.

This morning, Deacon doubled down on those comments – receiving the endorsement of [a Washington, D.C., special interest group that boasts its unequivocal opposition to nuclear energy.](#) This is yet another example of Colleen Deacon's unwillingness to break with her party in the best interest of the district.

“With four nuclear power plants in the 24th Congressional District, I’m honored to have earned the support the men and women of IBEW Local 97,” **said Congressman John Katko.** “I have long recognized the importance of nuclear power to our district – both as an economic driver and as an important source of emissions-free energy. That’s why I stood beside the men and women of IBEW

Local 97 to help save the FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant, and will continue to fight for them in Congress.”

Ted Skerpon, President and Business Manager of IBEW Local 97 stated, “Congressman Katko was at the forefront of support for the Fitzpatrick Nuclear plant right from the beginning and that support has only grown. His enlightened leadership is refreshing and demonstrates an understanding of climate change and the major threats from increased carbon emissions, along with the enormous benefits from carbon free nuclear energy. As such he has earned the support of IBEW Local 97, as well as district residents and those that are concerned about fuel diversity, stable power costs, low carbon energy and a strong economy. We look forward to his continued bipartisan leadership.”

Congressman John Katko was elected in November 2014 to represent the 24th Congressional District of New York, which includes all of Onondaga, Cayuga, and Wayne Counties and

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