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**AFSCME Council 13 endorses McGinty for U.S. Senate**

Harrisburg, PA (February 4, 2016) – AFSCME Council 13’s Steering Committee voted unanimously on Thursday to endorse Katie McGinty in her run for U.S. Senate.

McGinty is a Philadelphia native with immense experience in both the public and private sectors. She led the White House Council on Environmental Quality under President Bill Clinton, served as Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection under Governor Ed Rendell and most recently served as Chief of Staff in Governor Tom Wolf’s administration.

“Katie McGinty has always been an advocate for labor and working families. She has devoted her life to public service and also brings private sector experience to the table,” Council 13 Executive Director David Fillman said.

“McGinty will not only fight for a healthier environment, but a healthier economy for working people, who have too often gotten the short end of the stick.”

With a focus on issues such as job creation, raising wages and affordable higher education, McGinty is in-line with the values of many Council 13 members.

Along with Council 13, McGinty has earned the endorsement of SEIU Health Care Pennsylvania, United Steelworkers, Amalgamated Transit Union, Sheet Metal Workers Local 19, Pennsylvania Association of Staff Nurses and Allied Professionals, United Food & Commercial Workers Local 1776, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, International Union of Operating Engineers Local 542 and the PA American Federation of Teachers.

“AFSCME represents over 1.6 million hard-working men and women and I’m honored to have their support today. AFSCME is committed to serving the public by keeping our families safe and strengthening our communities. As Senator, I will fight to raise the minimum wage, protect Social Security and Medicare for our seniors, expand universal Pre-K and access to quality education while growing our economy and creating good-paying jobs in Pennsylvania. I will be a champion for working families and I’m honored to have AFSCME by my side,” McGinty said.

*AFSCME (American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees) is the largest affiliate in the AFL-CIO. AFSCME Council 13 represents more than 67,000 employees in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania*