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LABOR GROUPS LINE UP BEHIND TOM SCHILIRO FOR STATE ASSEMBLY

ROCKY POINT – momentum is building behind Tom Schiliro's (D-Manorville) campaign for New York State Assembly in the 2nd District. He was recently endorsed by several prominent pro-labor groups and local unions.

"We deserve a representative who understands the issues affecting our community," said Schiliro. "Our families need tax relief to keep more of their hard-earned money in their own pockets. We also need to improve our business climate to help spur economic growth here on Long Island. I'm honored that these labor groups believe I am the right person to accomplish these goals."

Schiliro has earned the support of 1199 Service Employees International Union (1199 SEIU), Local 338 Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union (RWDSU), Local 1104 Communications Workers of America (CWA), Local 1049 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Local 46 Metallic Lathers and Reinforcing Ironworkers, and the Allied Printing Trades Council.

Michele Lynch, 1199SEIU regional Political Director on Long Island said in a written statement, "Just as the healthcare workers of 1199SEIU in New York have worked recently to help key Congressional candidates to victories in Primary Elections, we now are going to be putting our effort into electing strong progressive candidates to the State Legislature. Tom Schiliro will work with us to pass legislation that is important for healthcare workers and our patients including increased protection from assaults on frontline caregivers and a career ladder for homecare workers that will allow them to provide the best care to seniors and people with disabilities. 1199SEIU members in the 2nd Assembly District will be working to elect Tom Schiliro because he supports many issues that are important to us; local living wage laws, the Dream Act, campaign finance reform and women's rights. Nurses and

caregivers will be knocking on doors, phone-banking, and doing whatever it takes to make sure we elect the strongest voices for quality care and good jobs."

"Mr. Schiliro is a union member and leader concerned about the future of his members and middle class families in America. Based on our experience with Mr. Schiliro, he is the person who can help make these things happen. For these reasons alone CWA Local 1104 is proud to endorse him," said George Bloom, President of Communications Workers of America.

Schiliro is a sergeant with the Suffolk County Park Police, and he is a former teacher and small business owner. He is ready to clean up corruption in Albany, pass the Women's Equality Act and bring much-needed tax relief to Long Island.

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