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Massachusetts AFL-CIO Announces Endorsement of Marty Walz
“The Best Choice for Working Families in the 8th Suffolk”

BOSTON – The Massachusetts AFL-CIO has endorsed Marty Walz in the 8th Suffolk district, calling her the best choice for working families.

“Marty understands the challenges facing working men and women in Massachusetts. She knows, for example, that increased costs for health care are squeezing families. Marty is committed to finding solutions so the more than 600,000 uninsured residents of our state can have affordable, accessible health care,” said Robert J. Haynes, the President of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO. “Marty knows that health care isn’t a luxury, it is a necessity,” noted Haynes.

“We believe Marty will be an outstanding representative, following in the tradition of Representative Paul Demakis. As a proud member of a union family, she knows first-hand the benefits that come from good jobs with comprehensive benefits. We have every confidence that she will fight hard for families like her own,” Haynes said.

“Boston and Cambridge voters have a terrific choice in this primary election. Marty is the most qualified candidate. She knows we must always strive to protect jobs here at home while we also encourage businesses to expand so more people can enjoy a job with good wages and benefits,” added Richard M. Rogers, the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Greater Boston Labor Council.

On September 14, primary election voters will choose a Democrat to replace retiring Representative Demakis. The 8th Suffolk district includes Cambridgeport and parts of MIT and Area 4 in Cambridge, and Back Bay, Beacon Hill and the West End in Boston.

Representative Demakis – who has a nearly 100% rating from the AFL-CIO – has also endorsed Walz. Representative Byron Rushing is also supporting Walz.

“I was able to attend college because my mom had a good job and was well represented by her teachers union. Even though she is retired, my mother still pays her union dues because she hasn’t forgotten who helped her. Neither have I,” said Walz. “I look forward to working with the AFL-CIO and am deeply honored by their support,” concluded Walz.