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The following is a statement from Howard Wells, President Teamsters Local 676 and Secretary-Treasurer Joint Council 53

<u>Teamsters Local 676 and Teamster Joint Council 53 Endorse Harrison</u> <u>for NJ-02</u>

Brigid Harrison is ready to serve New Jersey's second district. She is a nationally recognized public policy expert who can speak to literally any issue. There will be no on the job training for Brigid. She is a self-made woman who understands the compromises one must face to raise a family. And most of all, has built one of the strongest Congressional campaigns ever seen in the state.

For these reasons, Teamsters Local 676 and Teamster Joint Council 53 are joining together to do something we have not always done – endorse a candidate during the primary season. We proudly endorse **Brigid Harrison** for New Jersey's second congressional district.

Another part of our decision to endorse comes from what we have witnessed directly from Amy Kennedy.

For the last month New Jersey labor has been under attack by Ms. Kennedy. In fundraising emails and in public speeches, she has mischaracterized union leadership, dismissed the anchor of democracy that is inherit in our unions, and attempted to minimize the importance of our agenda to protect working men and women of our state.

At the root of Ms. Kennedy's complaints has been a series of endorsements New Jersey labor has provided her opponent – Brigid Harrison. Time and time again, what Ms. Kennedy still does not seem to understand is that Brigid support comes from decades of her supporting each of us. Brigid began showing up long before she ever chose to run for Congress and has been involved in the lives of working families for a very long time.

Like many, the Teamsters membership have taken notice of Ms. Kennedy's actions and her attacks against labor makes her immediately unqualified to serve as the Democratic nominee for Congress.

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What started out as a promising campaign has gone down a road that only the very few can now embrace and Ms. Kennedy's decision to attack, question, and delegitimize those who refuse to endorse her have burnt bridges that will make it impossible for her to beat Jeff Van Drew in the Fall.

Brigid is the only candidate who can seriously take on Jeff Van Drew and Donald Trump because she is a person of substance, a great communicator, and someone who has deep roots in South Jersey.

The Teamsters have a long track record in electing people who understand the real struggles of our working class, and we are very pleased to add Brigid to this long list. She has made an excellent candidate for Congress and will make an even greater Congresswoman.

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