

**Statement from Democratic Nominee for Congress Michael A. Chiaradio on Receiving
the Official Endorsement of the Mississippi AFL-CIO**

Over the past year, I have had the opportunity to stand alongside workers exercising their right to organize and listen directly to union members about the challenges they face. Through that work I have also developed a strong relationship with Mississippi AFL-CIO President Mickey Carr, who has been extraordinarily generous with his time and support.

I was deeply honored to receive President Carr's letter yesterday afternoon informing me that I had received the official endorsement of the Mississippi AFL-CIO.

I am grateful to have the AFL-CIO stand alongside me at this critical moment in our country's history and for their commitment to work hard with our campaign through Election Day.

I intend to be a strong ally of organized labor, not just rhetorically, but through the policies I have promised to pursue.

I have proposed major federal investments in our energy grid, water systems, transportation infrastructure, and healthcare infrastructure. I want federal investments in these long-lived assets to create good jobs for union workers.

I have also stated that I believe we need to substantially increase teacher pay and strengthen our public schools. My support for organized labor extends to educators and other public employees who provide essential services to our communities. They deserve fair compensation and a meaningful voice in the conditions under which they work.

And I believe working people should have a greater ownership stake in the productive capacity they help create. I will pursue policies that encourage employee ownership and expand productive asset ownership throughout our economy.

People who work hard should be able to save money, own a home and other productive assets, and build lasting financial security. Helping to build that kind of economy is one of the fundamental reasons I am running for Congress.

I am extremely grateful to President Carr and the Mississippi AFL-CIO for their confidence in me. If I have the privilege of representing Mississippi's Third Congressional District in Congress, my door will always be open to organized labor and I will work every day to ensure that the federal investments we make translate into greater economic security for the people who do the work.

Sincerely,

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