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Cement Masons Local 502 Endorses Stephanie Kifowit for Illinois Comptroller, Citing Her Lifelong Dedication to Labor Rights and Fair Wages

BELLWOOD, IL – Cement Masons Local 502, a nearly century-old organization dedicated to craftsmanship, safety, and fair compensation in the concrete and plastering trades, has announced its endorsement of State Representative Stephanie Kifowit for Illinois Comptroller.

The union, which represents skilled tradespeople and contractors across the region, praised Kifowit's unwavering commitment to workers' rights, her legislative record, and her pledge to use the Comptroller's office to protect labor standards and ensure accountability in public spending.

"We are supporting Stephanie Kifowit because she is someone we trust," said Kevin Farley, spokesperson for Cement Masons Local 502. "She has a strong voting record for labor, including serving as chief co-sponsor on critical bills that protect workers. She isn't afraid to put her name on our bills or stand up for us. Kifowit is 100% union—she will have our backs."

Kifowit's labor credentials are rooted in action. She was the Chief Co-Sponsor of HB1189, which protected state-level prevailing wage standards, and has supported key bills such as SB1976, the Illinois Workers' Rights and Safety Act, and HB3005, which created a state-level backstop for labor grievances. Her lifetime AFL-CIO voting record exceeds 90%.

As Comptroller, Kifowit has pledged to establish a dedicated Labor Division within the office to proactively audit contractors, enforce prevailing wage laws, and prioritize transparency in public spending.

"I am honored to earn the endorsement of Cement Masons Local 502—a union that has built Illinois with skill and integrity for generations," said Rep. Stephanie Kifowit. "Together, we will ensure that every worker on a public project is paid fairly and that our state's finances reflect our values."

Cement Masons Local 502 joins a growing coalition of labor endorsements for Kifowit, including Painters District Councils 14, 30, and 58; the United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers and Allied Workers Local 11; United Steelworkers District 7 and Local 17; Illinois Federation of Public Employees, Local 4408, and National Association of Letter Carriers Local 219.

About Stephanie Kifowit:

Stephanie Kifowit is a U.S. Marine Corps Veteran, a former registered financial advisor, and a State Representative with over 12 years of state budget experience. With a Master's in Public Administration and a career built on fighting for working families, veterans, and taxpayers, she is running to bring discipline, integrity, and accountability to the Office of the Illinois Comptroller.