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State's Largest Firefighter Unions Unite in Major Endorsement of Stephanie Kifowit for Illinois Comptroller

AURORA, IL – In a powerful show of labor solidarity, three of Illinois's largest and most influential firefighter unions have announced their unified endorsement of State Representative Stephanie Kifowit for Illinois Comptroller. The endorsements from **Chicago Fire Fighters Union Local 2, Aurora Firefighters Local 99, and Naperville Professional Firefighters, IAFF Local 4302** underscore Kifowit's deep trust and proven track record with the first responders who protect Illinois communities.

This cross-regional support from frontline personnel highlights Kifowit's unique qualifications—her U.S. Marine Corps discipline, over a decade of state budget experience, and her consistent action on behalf of working families.

Chicago Fire Fighters Local 2, representing the state's largest fire department, offered powerful personal testimonials. "Stephanie is best for Comptroller because when we needed a job done, she got it done for us," said Pat Cleary, President of Chicago Fire Fighters Local 2. "She has the integrity and work ethic to deliver."

Tony Martin, Chicago Firefighters Local 2 Secretary Treasurer, emphasized loyalty, noting Kifowit fought to improve benefits for younger firefighters. Dave Quintavalle, Political Action Director for Local 2, stated, "We found a person of respect, morals, and principles—a U.S. Marine whose word is her bond. She earned the respect of our entire local community."

Aurora Firefighters Local 99, representing over 200 professionals in Kifowit's home area, endorsed her based on a long-standing partnership. President Rob Deubel stated: "We have carefully considered the strong and honest relationship we have built together over the years and your support of us as professional firefighters has earned you this endorsement."

Naperville Professional Firefighters Local 4302 praised Kifowit's experience and character. "Stephanie is not just an experienced legislator; she has a proven record of fiscal responsibility and is a strong advocate for public safety," said Daryl MacDonald, President of Local 4302. "As a former U.S. Marine, she understands the value of discipline, transparency, and accountability—qualities that are essential in the office of the Comptroller."

The unions all connected their support to Kifowit's unwavering support for working men and women, her 20+ years of experience and dedication to first responders.

"I am profoundly honored to receive the united support of these dedicated firefighters from Chicago, Aurora, and Naperville," said Representative Kifowit. "These endorsements are not given lightly. They are earned through action and trust. As Comptroller, I will uphold that trust every day, ensuring our state's finances are managed with the integrity and accountability that our first responders—and all taxpayers—deserve."

This united front from Illinois firefighters adds formidable strength to Kifowit's growing coalition, which includes Painters District Councils 14, 30, and 58; the United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers and Allied Workers Local 11; Cement and Plasterers Local 502; 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, has a Masters in Public Administration from NIU, is a U.S. Marine Corps Veteran, a former registered financial advisor, served on the Aurora City Council for almost 10 years, and is a State Representative with over 12 years of extensive state budget experience in the Illinois General Assembly. Being raised in a working-class family, she has built a career as a relentless fiscal expert and a champion for workers, Veterans, and taxpayers. She is running for Comptroller to bring discipline, integrity, and accountability to the management of Illinois' finances.

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