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**AFT-Wisconsin endorses Julie Lassa for Congress**  
*Cites work on government accountability, jobs creation*

*Madison, Wis.* - The AFT-Wisconsin executive board voted unanimously yesterday evening to support Julie Lassa in her run for representative of Wisconsin's 7th Congressional District.

"Julie Lassa is a tireless champion for Wisconsin working families," commented Bryan Kennedy, president of AFT-Wisconsin. "From her authorship on jobs creation legislation to her leadership on issues of government accountability, Senator Lassa will bring her fervent advocacy for Wisconsinites from our state capitol to the halls of Congress."

Kennedy specifically cited Lassa's work on "truth in contracting" as a reason for the organization's support. "Senator Lassa has shown tremendous foresight on the issue of outsourcing accountability," stated Kennedy. "Her leadership on the issue has created a new dialog about the importance of keeping public work in the hands of public employees. Our state leaders are increasingly aware of the fact that curbing the practice of outsourcing projects represents a cost savings to taxpayers, while keeping family-supporting jobs in our state."

According to Kennedy, Sen. Lassa is the candidate needed for our trying economic times. "Wisconsin needs an advocate from the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District who will bring new ideas to meet the new challenges brought on by our still-fragile economy. Senator Lassa's co-authorship of efforts such as the C.O.R.E. Jobs Act and the Green to Gold Initiative demonstrates a bold vision for Wisconsin's economic recovery."

Kennedy stated that AFT-Wisconsin proudly stands behind their endorsement. "Representative Obey's legacy is one of common-sense progressivism. With Julie Lassa in Washington, D.C., that legacy will surely continue. On behalf of the 17,000 professional public employees represented by AFT-Wisconsin, we are pleased to support Julie Lassa in her bid for the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District seat."

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