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Women's Equality Party Endorses Wallace for State Assembly in 143rd District

BUFFALO, NY – The Women's Equality Party (WEP) announced today that it has endorsed political newcomer Monica Wallace for the New York State Assembly, District 143. The seat is currently held by Conservative Angela Wozniak, who announced in May that she will not seek re-election.

"As an attorney who has advocated for issues affecting women and children my entire career, I am honored to earn the endorsement of the Women's Equality Party," said Wallace. "If elected to the Assembly, I pledge to advocate for the fair and equal treatment of all New Yorkers regardless of sex."

Wallace is an active member and former State and Local Director of the Western New York Chapter of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York (WBASNY). WBASNY's mission is to advance the status of all women in society and to promote the fair and equal administration of justice.

WEP State Vice Chair Diana Cihak said: "Recommending Monica Wallace for endorsement by the Women's Equality Party was an easy decision for me. She is experienced, intelligent and a thoughtful leader who will bring stability and focus to this Assembly district. She is the type of leader that the residents of Cheektowaga and Lancaster need in the State Assembly right now."

The WEP endorsement follows endorsements by the Democratic Party, the Working Families Party, the Stonewall Democrats, and NYSUT. Wallace has also received the support of notable

public figures, including former Assembly Majority Leader Paul Tokasz, who represented the residents of the 143rd District for 17 years.

Wallace, 47, teaches at SUNY Buffalo law school. She previously served as confidential law clerk to the Hon. Richard J. Arcara, then chief judge of the federal court in Buffalo. Wallace received her law degree from SUNY Buffalo law school and her undergraduate degree from SUNY Binghamton.

Wallace resides in Lancaster with her husband, John, and their two children: Jack, 15, and Claire, 13.

The 143rd District includes the Towns of Cheektowaga and Lancaster and the Villages of Depew, Lancaster, and Sloan.