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**WALLACE CALLS ON MAZUREK TO EXPLAIN HER ADMITTED INVOLVEMENT IN  
ONGOING STATE AND FEDERAL INVESTIGATIONS INTO PIGEON**

BUFFALO, NY – State Assembly candidate Monica Wallace today called on Kristy Mazurek to explain her admitted involvement in ongoing state and federal investigations in light of the corruption charges filed against G. Steven Pigeon, Mazurek’s longtime personal and political associate.

The charges against Pigeon stem from an investigation into the WNY Progressive Caucus, a political committee controlled by Pigeon and administered by Mazurek. Although Mazurek has admitted her involvement in the ongoing investigation, she has refused to answer questions about the nature and extent of her role in Pigeon’s alleged misdeeds, citing the advice of her attorney.

“The residents of the 143rd District have weathered two successive scandals by their Assembly representatives and they don’t need a third,” Wallace said. “The District deserves a representative who holds herself to the highest ethical standards and who is able to focus on the critical issues facing our community. Mazurek’s close association with Steve Pigeon and her involvement in the allegations that led to this indictment cast doubt on her ability to restore integrity to the 143rd District. I therefore call on Mazurek to disclose her involvement in past and ongoing investigations. She has an obligation to explain herself and her actions to the voters in this community.”

Wallace, a political newcomer, announced her candidacy in February and earned the endorsement of the local Democratic Party in April. Wallace has since been endorsed by the Working Families Party, the Women's Equality Party, the Stonewall Democrats, and NYSUT. She 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.

In addition to being a mother, lawyer, and teacher, Wallace is an active member of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York and formerly served on the Lancaster YMCA Board.

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