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PROTECT releases Federal and State candidates' positions on climate change, environmental bills and issues affecting the Adirondack Park

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Candidate Questionnaire

Protect the Adirondacks sent out a non-partisan candidate questionnaire intended to inform voters about where candidates for U.S. Congress (House of Representatives) and the New York Legislature (Senate and Assembly) stand on issues impacting the Adirondack Park. The questionnaires, with 7 questions for Federal candidates and 12 questions for State candidates, were sent out in early August to candidates who are running in districts that include areas in or near the Adirondack Park. The candidates' answers have been published with the candidates' answers exactly as they were written; the answers have not been summarized, edited, or ranked in any way.

The candidates for Federal office who responded to the questionnaire include:

1. Paul D. Tonko running for U.S. House of Representatives District 20 against Ralph Ambrosio;
2. Ralph Ambrosio running for U.S. House of Representatives District 20 against Paul D. Tonko; and
3. Blake Gendebien running for U.S. House of Representatives District 21 against Anthony Constantino who did not respond to the questionnaire.

The candidates for State office who responded to the questionnaire include:

1. Melissa Seale running for NY State Senate District 45 against Dan Stec who did not respond to the questionnaire;
2. Cassie Robbins-Forbus running for NY State Senate District 49 against Mark Walczyk who did not respond to the questionnaire;

3. John Gunther running for NY State Assembly District 114 against Matthew Simpson who did not respond to the questionnaire; and
4. Dennis Gordon running for NY State Assembly District 117 against Tammie Nabywaniec who did not respond to the questionnaire.

The questionnaires asked candidates to state their positions on climate change, several pieces of applicable legislation and issues affecting the Adirondack Park and its residents. The complete set of questions and candidates' answers are [available on our website](#) to educate voters on the candidates' positions.

Protect the Adirondacks

Protect the Adirondacks is an IRS-approved non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and stewardship of the 6-million-acre Adirondack Park. Our mission is to protect the Adirondack Park's wild character for current and future generations. PROTECT pursues this mission through a combination of advocacy, grassroots organizing, independent public oversight, research, water quality monitoring, education, and legal action. Protect the Adirondacks was formed in 2009 as the result of a merger between two long-standing environmental conservation groups in the Adirondack Park, the Resident's Committee to Protect the Adirondacks (est. 1991) and the Association for the Protection of the Adirondacks (est. 1901).

Protect the Adirondacks is managed by a 23-member Board of Directors of Adirondack leaders with expertise in environmental law, local government, Adirondack environmental and cultural history, state agency management, and small business. Protect the Adirondacks maintains an office in a 100% energy efficient, solar-and wind-powered office in Johnsbury in the central Adirondacks. For more information see www.protectadks.org and @ProtectAdkPark.

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