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**Union Power Rises to Support Joseline Peña-Melnyk for Congress**

**LAUREL, MD** – Two major Washington-area unions have voiced their support for Joseline Peña-Melnyk for Congress in Maryland's 4<sup>th</sup> District. The International Associations of Heat and Frost Insulators and Allied Workers Local #24, headquartered in Laurel, Maryland, and the Steamfitters UA Local #602, headquartered in Capitol Heights, Maryland have announced their support. For over one hundred years, the members of these two unions have been building, maintaining and improving residential, commercial and industrial buildings throughout the Washington, DC metropolitan area.

*"I'm proud to have the support of two great unions," said Joseline Peña-Melnyk. "With all the attacks unions face from the right, we cannot allow ourselves to forget the important social role of unions. They provide extensive, multi-year training to apprentices who emerge as skilled craftsmen and craftswomen who do excellent work and earn a fair wage that can support a family. Unions are at the foundation of America."*

*"Without a doubt Joseline Peña-Melnyk is a true champion for Maryland workers,"* said Lino Cressotti of International Associations of Heat and Frost Insulators and Allied Workers Local #24.

*"She stands by unions and understands how critical they are to creating a high quality of life for all workers,"* said Daniel Loveless of Steamfitters UA Local #602.

The Heat and Frost Insulators and Allied Workers Local #24 has been dedicated to assisting its membership in securing employment, defending their rights and advancing their interests as working men and women, and by education and co-operation.

The Steamfitters UA Local #602 represents journeymen, apprentices and helpers, who install, repair and maintain heating, air conditioning, refrigeration and industrial process piping systems.

Joseline Peña-Melnyk is a congressional candidate running to succeed Congresswoman Donna Edwards who currently represents Maryland's 4<sup>th</sup> District and is running for the Senate.

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