

## **House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries, Whip Katherine Clark, and Caucus Chair Pete Aguilar Endorse Summer Lee's Reelection**

**Pittsburgh, PA** — Today, U.S. Congresswoman Summer Lee (PA-12) announced endorsements from all of House Democratic leadership including House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries, Whip Katherine Clark, and Democratic Caucus Chair Pete Aguilar for her re-election campaign.

These latest endorsements show the strength of Lee's support from Democratic Congressional Leadership who are working to help bring her back to Congress, where she has already secured over \$1 billion worth of federal investments to bring home to Western Pennsylvania.

*"A civil rights champion, advocate for organized labor and the first Black woman to represent Pennsylvania in Congress, Summer Lee has worked tirelessly to deliver for working families," said House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries, Whip Katherine Clark and Democratic Caucus Chair Pete Aguilar. "Since her first days in Congress, Summer has been a fighter For The People – working to keep our communities safe, create good-paying union jobs and protect fundamental rights like reproductive freedom. We proudly endorse Summer Lee's re-election campaign for the U.S. House of Representatives so she can help us take back the House majority, oppose the extreme MAGA Republican agenda and continue our tremendous progress for Pennsylvanians." Rep. Lee said, "I'm so proud of the work we've done during my first year in Congress—from delivering over \$1 billion worth of federal investments for infrastructure, affordable housing, clean air and water, STEM innovation and union jobs to showing up at every corner of our community and helping over 1,500 constituents with everything from potholes and tax returns to Social Security, Medicare and Veterans benefits. Every day, we've worked to show folks what 'good government' can do for them – fighting for left-behind communities and working families to build a Western PA where every person can thrive.*

*"Our progressive movement is creating a blueprint, not just for Western Pennsylvania, but for our entire country for what it looks like to beat Trumpism by leading with compassion and equity and justice. I'm honored to have the support from Leaders Jeffries, Clark, and Aguilar - and I look forward to continuing to work with them to*

*protect abortion access, voting rights, and clean energy investments to serve the people of PA's 12th Congressional District," **said Rep. Summer Lee.***

In October, Summer Lee kicked off her 2024 re-election campaign for Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional district with a jam-packed launch party at the Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers Hall on the South Side. The launch was attended by over 200 excited supporters—including union members, grassroots donors, faith leaders, constituents, and electeds at every level of local government spanning Allegheny and Westmoreland counties and every faction of the Democratic party.

**Rep. Lee has already gained the full support of local and national Democratic leaders for her re-election, including endorsements from:**

- Congressman Hakeem Jeffries, Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives
- Congresswoman Katherine Clark, Minority Whip of the U.S. House of Representatives
- Congressman Pete Aguilar, Chair of the U.S. House Democratic Caucus
- U.S. Senator Bob Casey (D-PA)
- U.S. Senator John Fetterman (D-PA)
- Congressional Progressive Caucus PAC
- Congressional Black Caucus PAC
- State Senator Lindsey Williams
- Former State Senator Allen Kukovich
- State Rep. and Democratic Whip Dan Miller
- State Rep. Aerion Abney
- State Rep. Jess Benham
- State Rep. Dan Deasy
- State Rep. Emily Kinkead
- State Rep. La'Tasha D. Mayes
- State Rep. Mandy Steele
- State Rep. Arvind Vinkat
- City of Pittsburgh Mayor Ed Gainey
- Allegheny County Executive Sara Innamorato
- County Controller Corey O'Connor
- Allegheny Councilman for District 1 Jack Betkowski
- Allegheny Councilman for District 4 Pat Catena
- Allegheny County Councilwoman, At-Large Bethany Hallam
- Allegheny Councilman for District 12 Robert Palmosina
- Allegheny County Councilwoman for District 3 Anita Prizio

- Pittsburgh City Council President Daniel Lavelle
- Pittsburgh Councilwoman for District 8 Erika Strassburger
- Pittsburgh City Councilman for District 9 Khari Mosley
- Pittsburgh City Councilman District 3 Bob Charland
- Pittsburgh City Councilwoman for District 5 Barb Warwick
- Westmoreland Dems Chair Michelle McFall

Last cycle, Lee successfully beat back over \$5 million in racist attacks and misinformation from right-wing corporate Super PACs and the GOP to successfully become PA's first Black Congresswoman. Eight months after taking office however, WESA's Chris Potter noted polling showing Lee as the most popular politician in Western Pennsylvania. This cycle, the same Republican-funded dark money Super PAC, United Democracy Project, is threatening to spend [\\$100 million](#) to challenge Lee and other progressive incumbents with Republican-funded Democratic primary challenges.