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On behalf of the more than 1200 public employees who are members of the Communications Workers of America Local 1085, I announce the endorsement of Bob Gant for Salem County Sheriff, Melissa DeCastro and Jesse Stemberger for Salem County Freeholder in the 2018 election.

Gant, DeCastro and Stemberger are longtime supporters of organized labor. Bob Gant has been the president of the Salem County Fraternal Order of Police for well over a decade. Jesse Stemberger is the immediate past president of the Woodstown-Pilesgrove Regional Education Association and currently serves as Vice President in addition to serving on the Salem County Council of Education Association's Executive Board.

Gant, DeCastro and Stemberger were instrumental in our fight against privatization. While other politicians colluded to outsource vital services, Bob, Melissa, and Jesse worked with our union to insure public safety and support hard working families. Bob led the FOP's campaign to defeat the privatization of our county's 9-1-1 Dispatchers and Corrections Facility nurses. In her first public statement as a Freeholder, Melissa confidently stated that she could not support the idea of privatizing county workers. Jesse led the successful fight to defeat the privatization of Paraprofessionals, Cafeteria workers and Maintenance staff in the Woodstown-Pilesgrove Regional School District and was an outspoken supporter of Local 1085's fight against the privatization of Salem County Nurses and 9-1-1 Dispatchers.

Our members and their families are under increasing pressure to make ends meet. Having elected officials who understand our challenges and are willing to fight to enhance the quality of life for our members and citizens across Salem County is essential to our success. We are proud to endorse candidates who will be strong advocates for working families.

In Solidarity,

Michael Blaszczyk
CWA Local 1085-President