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Top Gilchrest Aide to join Kratovil Campaign; Gilchrest Campaign Director to Raise Funds for Kratovil Bid

STEVENSVILLE, MD (April 17, 2008). U. S. Rep. Wayne Gilchrest's top campaign aide formally joins the Congressional campaign of First Congressional Democratic nominee Frank Kratovil this week, calling Kratovil's candidacy the best opportunity to continue the thoughtful, moderate approach that Gilchrest has brought to the district for nearly two decades.

Lynn Caligiuri will join the Kratovil campaign as a finance coordinator after serving as campaign and finance director for Gilchrest since 1999. A graduate of Washington College on Maryland's Eastern Shore, Caligiuri has worked in all of Gilchrest's re-election campaigns since his upset victory following the 1992 Congressional redistricting.

"Obviously many of us were disappointed in the Republican primary results, but we now have an opportunity to send someone to Washington to continue to represent our values and end the partisan attacks and divisiveness that has rendered Congress ineffective and unresponsive," said Caligiuri. "Frank Kratovil is the right choice."

Caligiuri hopes to bring many of the long-time financial supporters of Gilchrest into the Kratovil campaign.

"I have been fortunate to get to know Frank Kratovil, and I have found him to be a thoughtful, knowledgeable leader who cares deeply about the people of this district," Caligiuri said. "Frank is clearly the only choice to continue the moderate, inclusive approach that we appreciated in Wayne Gilchrest's service, and it is an honor to be a part of Frank's team."

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