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**Black Elected Leaders in North Carolina's 4th Congressional District Endorse
Congresswoman Valerie Foushee Re-Election Campaign**

As Black elected leaders serving communities across North Carolina's 4th Congressional District, we are proud to stand together in strong and unified support of Congresswoman Valerie Foushee.

Congresswoman Foushee's record reflects a lifelong commitment to public service, equity, and principled leadership. She made history as the first African American woman to serve as Chair of the Orange County Board of Commissioners, where she led with collaboration and a clear focus on fairness and accountability. Her dedication to public education is longstanding, including her service on the Chapel Hill–Carrboro City Schools Board of Education.

She went on to represent our communities in both the North Carolina House of Representatives and the North Carolina Senate, where she served as Chair of the NC Senate Democratic Caucus and was a consistent advocate for strong public schools, access to affordable healthcare, economic opportunity, and the protection of civil and voting rights. At every level of government, Congresswoman Foushee has demonstrated integrity, experience, and a deep understanding of the communities she serves.

In Congress, Representative Foushee continues that legacy—championing high-quality public education, accessible healthcare, good-paying jobs, environmental justice, and a democracy that works for everyone. She listens to local leaders, partners with community organizations, and ensures that the voices of all communities and working families in our district are represented in Washington.

At a time when experienced, values-driven leadership is critical, Congresswoman Valerie Foushee continues to deliver with clarity, courage, and purpose. She doesn't just represent North Carolina's 4th Congressional District—she reflects its values.

For these reasons, we proudly stand with Congresswoman Valerie Foushee and firmly support her continued service to our district.

Signed,

Hon. Dan Blue Jr. NC State Senator

Hon. Sydney Batch, NC State Senator, and Senate Democratic Leader

Hon. Natalie Murdock, NC State Senator

Hon. Jay Chaudhuri, NC State Senator

Hon. Jessica N. Holmes, Former NC State Auditor and Wake County Commissioner Chair

Hon. Robert T. Reives, II, NC State Representative and NC House Democratic Leader

Hon. H.M. "Mickey" Michaux Jr, NC State Representative and NC State Senator Retired

Hon. Allen Buansi, NC State Representative

Hon. Renée A. Price, NC State Representative

Hon. Ray Jeffers, NC State Representative
Hon. Zack Hawkins, NC State Representative
Hon. Monika Johnson-Hostler, NC State Representative
Hon. James A. Roberson, NC State Representative
Hon. Abe Jones, NC State Representative
Hon. Linda Coleman, Former NC State Representative
Hon. Rosa Gill, Former NC State Representative
Hon. Yvonne Lewis Holley, Former NC State Representative
Hon. Phyllis Portie-Ascott, Orange County Commissioner
Hon. Jean Hamilton, Orange County Commissioner
Hon. Karen A. Howard, Chatham County Commissioner
Hon. Stephen Valentine, Durham County Commissioner
Hon. Don Mial, Wake County Commissioner, Chair
Hon. Shinica Thomas, Wake County Commissioner
Hon. Tara Waters, Wake County Commissioner
Hon. Lindy Brown, Former Wake County Commissioner
Hon. Brenda Howerton, Former Durham County Commissioner
Hon. Minnie Forte- Brown, Former Durham County Board of Education
Hon. Jovonia Lewis, Former Durham County Board of Education Member
Hon. Riza Jenkins, Chair, Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education
Hon. Rani Dasi, Chapel Hill- Carrboro City School Board of Education
Hon. André Richmond, Orange County Schools Board of Education
Hon. Christina Gordon, Wake County Board of Education
Hon. Tyler Swanson, Wake County Board of Education, Chair
Hon. Clarence Birkhead, Durham County Sheriff
Hon. William V. "Bill" Bell, Former Durham County Commissioner Chair & Former Durham Mayor
Hon. Barbara Foushee, Mayor of Carrboro
Hon. Leo Williams, Mayor of Durham
Hon. Donald Mathews, Mayor of Siler City
Hon. Jessica Day, Mayor of Knightdale
Hon. Bill Harris, Mayor of Fuquay-Varina
Hon. Jessica Harrison, Mayor of Zebulon
Hon. Paris Miller-Foushee, Chapel Hill Town Council Member
Hon. Camille Berry, Chapel Hill Town Council Member
Hon. Matt Hughes, Commissioner, Town of Hillsborough
Hon. Ed Gray, Apex Town Council Member
Hon. Elmo Vance Jr., Garner Town Council
Hon. Stormie Forte, Raleigh City Council
Hon. Corey Branch, Raleigh City Council
Hon. Grady Bussey, Knightdale Town Council
Hon. Brad Thompson, Former Raleigh City Council
Hon. Latatious Morris, Knightdale Town Council
Hon. Bridget Wall-Lennon, Former Wake Forest Town Commissioner
Hon. Cora Cole- McFadden, Former Durham Mayor Pro-Tem