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The Collective PAC Endorses Lauren Underwood among Historic Group of Local, Statewide & Federal Candidates

Naperville, IL - Democrat, registered nurse, Obama Alum, and first-time Congressional candidate Lauren Underwood of Illinois’s 14th District announced today that she has been endorsed by The Collective PAC, a political action committee founded by Quentin and Stefanie Brown James to recruit, train and fund progressive black candidates.

“I am honored by the Collective PAC’s support as I seek to represent the Illinois 14th district in Congress,” says Underwood. “Together, we will stand up for the progressive values that matter to families across northern Illinois, including for families of color.”

Of the announcement, The Collective PAC Founder Quentin James said, "The elections taking place this year and in 2018 represent transformational opportunities for our nation and the black community. In 2018, we have the opportunity to elect the largest class of black congressional and gubernatorial candidates in our nation’s history."

Underwood joins 25 other municipal, state and federal candidates across the country receiving an endorsement. Underwood is the only Illinois candidate endorsed by the Collective PAC this cycle.

Launched in August of 2016, The Collective PAC has helped 18 candidates win primary and/or general elections at the local, state and federal level thus far, including U.S. Senator Kamala Harris, U.S. Representatives Val Demings, Lisa Blunt Rochester and Don McEachin, Mayor Chokwe Lumumba of Jackson, Vi Lyles of Charlotte, Yvette Simpson of Cincinnati, Randall Woodfin of Birmingham and Justin Fairfax for Lt. Governor in Virginia. Through its coordinated and independent expenditure committees, The Collective has raised over $250,000 from over 5,000 individual contributions, with over $50,000 going directly to more than 20 of its endorsed candidate campaigns. The Collective PAC has grown to be the largest and most prominent organization focused on helping elect progressive African American candidates to public office.

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About Lauren

Lauren Underwood is a registered nurse and health policy expert from Naperville, IL. Her public service experience includes clinical research at the National Institutes of Health, implementing the Affordable Care Act, and bolstering our nation's preparedness for natural disasters, bioterrorism agents, and infectious disease threats at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Lauren is running to represent the 14th Congressional district, which includes parts of DeKalb, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties.

The campaign’s website is www.UnderwoodForCongress.com.