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Today, the seven Democratic County Chairs of the 26th Congressional District of New York released the following statement outlining the selection process for the endorsement of a Democratic candidate for the 26th District special election:

“The people of this district deserve a representative that understands our issues -- whether it's in our farm communities or the suburbs of Buffalo and Rochester. We are looking for a candidate who will bring common-sense solutions to the table to work on the most important issue facing our district, improving our economy and bringing jobs to Western New York.

The process we have developed to identify the best possible candidate to serve the people of the 26th District is a deliberate, open and inclusive one. We want to ensure that all who are seriously interested in being the Democratic candidate have the opportunity to be heard and to share their vision for addressing the needs of our district.

Unlike our Republican counterparts who seem to have made a rush to judgment, we believe taking the time to find the best person is of utmost importance. Democrats are energized and excited and we are moving forward with the process. We assure the people of the 26th Congressional District that we will be ready with an outstanding candidate to run in the Special Election.”

In order to be eligible for further consideration, if they have not already done so, interested candidates must submit their resume and cover letter to any of the county chairs no later than COB March 3rd.

Contact information for each county chair is below.

Erie County – Chairman Len Lenihan, len@ecdems.com

Genesee County – Chairwoman Lorie Longhany, lorie.longhany@gmail.com

Livingston County – Chairwoman Judith Hunter, judith.hunter@gmail.com

Monroe County – Chairman Joe Morelle, joe@monroedemocrats.com

Orleans County – Chairwoman Jeanne Crane, jeannecrane01@localnet.com

Niagara County – Chairman Dan Rivera, ntdemocrats@aol.com

Wyoming County – Chairman Hank Bush, Jr., hbush3@rochester.rr.com