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EL-BEHAIRY ENDORSED BY SEIU UNION LOCAL 200

Buffalo, NY-(October 16, 2018)- State Senate Candidate Carima El-Beairy has been endorsed by Service Employees International Union (SEIU)

An ally of workers, **Carima El-Beairy** is thrilled to accept the endorsement of **SEIU Local 200 United** in her campaign to unseat incumbent Senator Chris Jacobs. **El-Beairy** shares SEIU's goals including better patient-to-caregiver ratios, more training opportunities so advancement is possible, prevailing wages and safer work conditions for workers in healthcare, education, and other crucial service sectors.

Currently, there are people in power with agendas that are hostile to organized labor. Their interests lie in eliminating unions, keeping wages stagnant, challenging collective bargaining and removing safety standards in the workplace, all for greater profit. This is a departure from American ideals, in which everyone should be rewarded for work well done. It's a trend that must be beaten back at every level of government, and Albany is a great place to start.

"There is a crisis in this country, where we are not putting our greatest resource first, our people," **El-Beairy** said. "We need to reassess how we value people and reward those who do the work we all benefit from every day. Everyone deserves a job that pays them a living wage, in a safe and stable environment."

When elected, **El-Beairy's** legislative priorities will include the fight to establish prevailing and living wages across a range of job sectors. The goal of a 'living wage' as opposed to a 'prevailing wage' is to accommodate the rising costs of living in New York State in a realistic way that will enable families to plan for their future.

Carima El-Beairy grew up in Grand Island, NY and raised her family in the City of Buffalo. She has found success building innovative companies like the P22 type foundry and serving on the boards of numerous non-profit organizations. She has also been involved with Planned Parenthood for nearly two decades, most recently serving as treasurer for the WNY/CNY regions.

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