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Gabi Madden Condemns Central Hudson Service Terminations Announcement

Kingston, NY —Democrat and experienced public servant, Gabi Madden, candidate for New York State Assembly has voiced her opposition to Central Hudson's announcement that it plans to resume customer service shutoffs.

"I wish that I could say that it was a surprise when Central Hudson callously announced their plans to resume service terminations, but it is almost predictable that when given the chance to harm our most vulnerable communities, Central Hudson is a sure thing." **said Madden**, "given my history in fighting Central Hudson on behalf of communities in the Hudson Valley, I know residents in the 103rd Assembly District deserve a champion that will hold Central Hudson and their regulatory authority, the Public Service Commission, accountable.

"Serving as Chief and Deputy Chief of Staff to State legislators over the past six years, I have fought against numerous rate hike proposals, supported constituents during lengthy storm response times resulting in week long outages as well as assisted customers throughout the disastrous implementation of the inaccurate automated billing system, all while folks were still reeling from the fallout of the COVID pandemic, **said Madden**, "While I am proud to have led the charge on the <u>NYS Senate investigation into Central Hudson</u>, it is clear we must also evaluate the operations of their oversight authority, the PSC, whose responsibility it is to protect consumers.

It is clear that we have a bad actor multi billion dollar utility provider operating out of Canada, that does not have the best interest of our communities in mind. This is what happens when the person we elect to send to Albany distracts voters with national agenda headlines, instead of taking care of the issues occurring in our own backyards. Holding a half dozen forums in a year to hear from constituents has reaped no result. If elected to serve as your next State Assemblywoman, Central Hudson and the PSC will be my top priority, providing constituents with a multi prong approach, ensuring immediate relief on your bills. All while setting long term goals to ensure sustainability of a well regulated and publicly owned utility for the residents of Ulster and Dutchess counties.

Assembly District 103 includes the towns of Esopus, Gardiner, Hurley, Kingston, Marbletown, New Paltz, Olive, Rosendale, Saugerties, Ulster, Woodstock, and the City of Kingston in Ulster County along with the towns of Red Hook and Rhinebeck in Dutchess County.

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