

Major Morris County Republicans Endorse Krickus, Scapicchio and Smith *Bucco, Sette and Bucco Stand with the Morris Conservative Team*

(Morristown, NJ) – Today, long-time Republican leaders in Morris County including State Senator Tony Bucco, Morris County Republican Chairman John Sette, and State Assemblyman Anthony M. Bucco announced their joint support of the Morris Conservative Team's John Krickus, Dave Scapicchio and Deb Smith for Freeholder.

"Down in Trenton we're fighting with Governor Christie to end years of reckless Democrat over-spending, borrowing, and runaway tax increases. Back home, we need strong fiscal conservatives like John Krickus, Dave Scapicchio and Deb Smith on the Freeholder Board who are committed to fighting for balanced budgets without higher taxes, reducing debt and keeping Morris County a great place to live, work and raise a family," said State Senator Tony Bucco. "They are the real conservative team in this race, and that's why we need them to continue working for taxpayers."

A recent development in the Freeholder campaign has been the number of Democrat interests and shadow political groups that are skirting campaign finance laws to evade having to disclose who is funding waves of advertising supporting John Cesaro, Angelo Tedesco and Christine Myers. These dollars are hidden from public view. According to PolitickerNJ.com, New Jersey Democrat super boss George Norcross said "we are now 'living in an IE world,' a world in which independent expenditure PACs can override and swamp with sheer cash influx those conventional means of campaign war like party organizations and regional insider alliances.";

"Unfortunately, Democrat special interests are meddling in our Republican Primary trying to achieve something they can't do in a general election," said John Sette. "When a political group registered with the state of New Jersey as a 'Democrat' organization empties its bank account with an \$8,400 donation in a Republican Primary, it raises some serious questions about the commitment of the Cesaro team to our Republican principles. Combine that with mailers, phone calls, and paid walkers funded with tens of thousands of dollars in dark money - where we have no idea who is writing the checks to these organizations - it's not only skirting the spirit of pay to play ethics laws and good government, it's also clear they aren't doing it because they're backing the strongest Republican candidates. That distinction goes to the Conservative Team of Krickus, Scapicchio and Smith because they have a proven record of fighting for taxpayers. I'm happy to stand with them in next Tuesday's primary election.";

Among some of the groups supporting the Cesaro team include:

Forward Central Jersey, registered with the NJ Election Law Enforcement Commission as a Democrat organization, donated \$8,400 directly to Cesaro, Tedesco and Myers. Their current reported balance is \$0.

A shadow PAC funded with dark money called Growing Economic Opportunities has disclosed \$11,586 for a mailer and phone calls, only a fraction of what has been spent to date. The group shows approximately

~~\$~~150,000 still available.

The Operating Engineers union donated \$24,600 directly to the Cesaro Tedesco & Myers campaign, accounting for more than 50% of all funds raised in their campaign.

"I am not against unions helping the Morris County Republican Committee get Republicans elected in November," continued Sette. "I am against them trying to disrupt our Primary. I don't know what promises were made to these Democratic PACs and unions that would warrant this level of financial support.";

"I'm proud to endorse John Krickus, Dave Scapicchio and Deb Smith, because they are doing the things in Morris County that we can all be proud of- holding the line on property taxes and cutting wasteful spending, all while improving services. That's the kind of Republican leadership we need to keep Morris County moving in the right direction," said Assemblyman Anthony M. Bucco.

The Republican Primary election for County Freeholder is next Tuesday, June 2.

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