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DELMONTE CLAIMS ON MAILINGS MISLEADING TO PUBLIC, SAYS CERETTO
Businesses continue to suffer, despite DelMonte's claims

New York State Assembly candidate John Ceretto today characterized as “misleading” a recent mail piece sent by long time Albany incumbent Francine DelMonte to residents of the 138th Assembly District. The piece, in which DelMonte touted her efforts to assist small businesses, was paid for at taxpayer’s expense.

“In her mailer, Francine DelMonte claims to be ‘working to harness Niagara’s economic power’, which certainly sounds impressive,” said Ceretto. “But the reality, which I’m sure she is hoping the people of our community have forgotten, is the fact that she voted for the sweep of \$550 million in New York Power Authority (NYPA) revenues from our community to fill the gaping hole in the state budget that she helped create.”

“These are dollars that have been generated on the backs of Western New Yorkers and should have been utilized for economic development purposes right here in Niagara.”

Ceretto stated that the recent rating of all state legislators by the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) tells the real story on Francine DelMonte’s record in assisting small businesses. In the ratings of state legislator’s performance on issues relevant to NFIB in the 2009-2010 legislative session, DelMonte scored 55% out of 100.

“No matter how she tries to spin her alleged record of supporting small businesses, an independent body, the NFIB, has analyzed her actions on legislation that would help small businesses, and she failed,” stated Ceretto. “I find it appalling that she would use taxpayer dollars to mislead constituents in such a blatant manner. Frankly, she should be ashamed of herself. Unfortunately, she isn’t.”

Ceretto vowed to work with businesses organizations if elected. “I can assure you, my rating will be well above 55%,” he stated.

“Small businesses are the backbone of our economy,” said Ceretto. “I will work with organizations such as NFIB to ensure that small businesses will always have a strong presence in our community and in New York State.”

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