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Beth Wood for State Auditor Campaign

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North Carolina AFL-CIO endorses Beth Wood for State Auditor

RALEIGH, NC (3/17/2008)—The North Carolina State AFL-CIO, an organization made up of local unions from across North Carolina, announces its endorsement of Beth Wood, CPA, for North Carolina State Auditor.

"The endorsement committee was very impressed with Beth's working class background and many years of experience in the State Auditor's office," stated James Andrews, President. "Clearly, she has the skills and qualifications to do an outstanding job as State Auditor."

The AFL-CIO believes that just as joining together at the workplace gives workers a stronger voice, joining together at a statewide level gives working people a stronger voice on issues that affect them and their families that are decided at levels beyond the workplace.

According to its website, "Those elected to public office exert a tremendous impact on our lives and the North Carolina State AFL-CIO is actively involved in helping to elect worker friendly candidates for national, statewide and local offices."

"Their interview process was very thorough and challenging," remarked Wood. "They asked tough questions and I answered honestly and to the point. It is very gratifying to receive this endorsement from an organization that truly cares about North Carolina."

Wood served in the Office of the North Carolina State Auditor for more than a decade. During her tenure, she was instrumental in bringing the state's compliance supplements up to federal standards, ensuring that federal grants are being used as intended. She was a leader in redesigning the Auditor's Office training program to make training more relevant to state auditors' work. And she helped develop

employee evaluations that better reflected the job performance of Auditor's Office employees. She also has more than 20 years' experience as a CPA. This is the experience and credibility that the AFL-CIO thinks would make her the best candidate for the job.

Beth Wood is currently seeking to raise \$30,000 by the May 6 North Carolina Primary to qualify for matching funds from the state. More information can be found at <http://www.bethwoodcampaign.com>

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