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MATT DUNLAP EARNS COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA, LOCAL 1400 ENDORSEMENT IN BID FOR U.S. SENATE

Old Town, ME - The executive board of the Communications Workers of America Local 1400 voted unanimously at their March meeting Tuesday to endorse former [Secretary of State](#) Matt Dunlap as candidate for United States Senate.

The Communications Workers of America (CWA) is the largest telecommunications union in the world, and CWA Local 1400 represents telecommunications workers throughout Maine and New England.

“Our board voted unanimously to support Matt Dunlap in his bid for U.S. Senate, because Matt is committed to the needs of working people, not the interests of large corporations,” said CWA Local 1400 president Don Trementozzi. “We believe in the importance of electing a Senator we can count on to stand up for the middle class.”

Dunlap’s campaign has focused on the economic issues faced by working Mainers. “I feel so strongly about the importance of fighting for working families that I chose the United Steel Workers Local 80 Hall in Old Town, where I have lived for 23 years, as the location to announce my run for Senate,” he said.

Dunlap announced his candidacy for U.S. Senate last year, months before incumbent Olympia Snowe announced on February 28th that she would not seek reelection. After Snowe’s announcement, Dunlap reaffirmed his candidacy. “I’m running now for the same reasons as before – to be a voice for working families.” he said.

Last week, Dunlap delivered nomination petitions with more than 2,200 signatures of registered Maine Democrats to the Secretary of State’s office to qualify for the June primary ballot. Maine law requires that party candidates for the U.S. Senate collect at least 2,000 signatures by registered members of the candidate’s party in order to appear on the ballot.

Matt Dunlap served three terms as Secretary of State and four terms in the Maine House of Representatives, representing Old Town. He was the House Chair of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee and the Government Oversight Committee and was the Democratic Chair of the 2003 Legislative Apportionment Commission and a member of the House Standing Committee on Elections. As Secretary of State he was President of the National Association of Secretaries of State and also President of the National Electronic Commerce Coordinating Council and was named Maine’s Public Administrator of the Year in 2008. Born and raised in Bar Harbor, Maine, Dunlap holds degrees from the University of Maine and has volunteered on numerous nonprofit boards and organizations.