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## **COMANS LANDS FIRST LABOR ENDORSEMENT IN HD-34 PRIMARY**

*Democrat Ashley Comans was endorsed by Amalgamated Transit Union Local 85  
in her bid for State Representative in the 34th House District*

**Wilkesburg, PA** – In the contested primary for House District 34 Democrat Ashley Comans landed the first labor endorsement in the race, winning the support of the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Local 85. Incumbent Abigail Salisbury is running for her first full-term after being nominated by the Democratic committee in last year’s special election, having previously lost a contested primary for this seat by nearly a 2:1 margin.

A fierce advocate for workers, Comans is a lifelong resident of House District 34 and currently is serving her second term on Wilkesburg School Board. A product of public schools, she was raised in a union household; both her father and grandmother belonged to a union for most of their careers.

**“To have the support of ATU Local 85 and win the first union endorsement in this race is extra special,”** said Comans. **“I grew up watching my father drive a bus for ATU, and I saw the benefits of collective bargaining when he was able to provide for our family, have health insurance, and enjoy job stability. I’ll never stop advocating for workers and protecting the union way of life.”**

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*Ashley Comans is a nonprofit professional who has been a resident of Wilkinsburg, PA, for most of her life. She's a graduate of Woodland Hills High School and obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Communications from Clarion University. Since winning a seat on the Wilkinsburg School Board in 2017, Ashley has continued to be a voice to speak out and stand up for the communities she has lived in all her life, communities which are often counted out. She champions equitable education funding and support, police accountability, environmental responsibility, and racial and gender equity. Her work serving on boards like Catapult Greater Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh Urban Magnet Project, and UNITE! has allowed her to help effect change from a community level. Ashley is now running to represent the Pennsylvania 34th State Legislative district to bring bold leadership by representing working families, those in need of healthcare justice, reproductive justice and care infrastructure, such as paid family and sick leave — fights that need to continue on, and be won, in the Pennsylvania legislature.*