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Oakland County Democratic Black Caucus & Wayne County Democratic Black Caucus

Endorse Hansen Clarke for 14th District U.S. Congressional Seat

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(DETROIT, MICHIGAN – June 5, 2014) Today, the Oakland County Democratic Black Caucus (OCDBC) and the Wayne County Democratic Black Caucus (WCDBC) announced the endorsement of former Congressman Hansen Clarke in the 14th District U.S. Congressional race. The joint announcement is the first ever for the two caucuses.

According to Debbie McNeil, Chair of the OCDBC, the unique characteristics of the 14th made the combined announcement possible. She says it is a good thing for the region that both caucuses agreed regarding the best candidate to represent the district.

“We are pleased to support Clarke’s candidacy in the 14th,” said McNeil. “It was a difficult decision, because there are several qualified candidates in this race. However, our candidate screening committee felt Clarke’s experience in Washington would best benefit the district.”

Roger Short, Treasurer for the WCDBC says his screening committee also felt that with three great candidates asking for an endorsement, the differentiators were Clarke’s experience and passion.

“Hansen seems to understand Washington, because he’s been there before,” said Short. “He was able to best articulate a game plan for the district that we felt would benefit us all. It was a tough choice, but the committee felt he could hit the ground running on day one.”

The 14th Congressional District includes portions of both Oakland and Wayne counties. The sprawling, demographically diverse district spans 75 miles from Grosse Pointe through Detroit, Southfield, Farmington Hills and West Bloomfield to Pontiac. According to the U.S. Census the district is more than 57 percent African American.

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