



IRONWORKERS UNION ENDORSES KRATOVIL FOR CONGRESS

The International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Ironworkers has endorsed Frank Kratovil in his bid for the Democratic nomination for Maryland's First Congressional District. Union ironworkers in Maryland are represented by Local 16 headquartered in Dundalk. Kratovil is the two-term State's Attorney for Queen Anne's County.

"America wants change in Washington and the union ironworkers of Maryland believe Frank Kratovil has the leadership record and campaign organization to deliver change for Maryland's working men and women," said Don Glenn, Business Manager for Ironworkers Local 16. "Maryland's First District deserves a congressman who turns talk into results."

"I am committed to traditional Democratic values of fair pay, health benefits, and the right to organize," remarked Frank Kratovil. "I am proud that the Ironworkers' have confidence in my leadership ability and I will work hard for the people of the First District to bring results back home."

The International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers Union, AFL-CIO, roots go back to the 1890's. The current membership stands at approximately 140,000, with 15,000 apprentices. In Maryland alone, there are over 800 members. Members of this union have worked on nearly every major construction project in Maryland, including the Bay Bridge, Key Bridge, Tawes Bridge and other major construction projects around the state and throughout the nation.

Kratovil, 39, his wife Kimberley and four sons reside in Stevensville on Kent Island where he is active as a youth sports coach and member of community boards, including Maryland Special Olympics, Mental Health Association of Maryland, and Mid-Shore Mental Health Systems, Inc.

Kratovil was first elected State's Attorney in 2002 by unseating a four-term incumbent. He was overwhelmingly re-elected in 2006. He has served as President of the Maryland State's Attorneys' Association and is a leading spokesman at the General Assembly for tougher penalties for violent offenders and anti-gang legislation to assist local law enforcement agencies. In July 2006, the Court of Appeals of Maryland appointed him to the Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure. Following the 2006 election, he served as co-chair of Governor O'Malley's Public Safety Transition Work Group and co-chair of Attorney General Douglas F. Gansler's Public Safety Transition Team.