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**Ann Gillespie, Candidate for IL State Senate District 27  
Announces Endorsement from EMILY's List**

Arlington Heights, IL – Ann Gillespie, candidate for the state senate in district 27, announced today that she has received the endorsement of EMILY's List.

"Ann is a proven leader who understands the challenges facing Illinois families. EMILY's List is proud to support Ann as she continues to fight for economic opportunity in the Senate," said Geri Prado, senior director of state and local campaigns at EMILY's List.

Ann Gillespie said, "I am honored to receive the endorsement of EMILY's List. As a woman, I will be an independent and fresh voice in Springfield. I will fight for affordable health care, reproductive rights and fair taxes for the middle class. I have spent my life navigating the complex health care industry and I will bring an expert's knowledge and create real change."

EMILY's List is the largest national resource for women in politics. It was created by Ellen R. Malcolm in 1985 to recruit, train, and fund campaigns for pro-choice Democratic women, and strategically torch-light the balance of power in our government.

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*Ann Gillespie's Biography:* Ann is a lifelong resident of the Northwest suburbs, having grown up in Des Plaines as the oldest of four sisters. For the past 27 years, she lived in Arlington Heights, where she raised two children.

Ann received a B.A. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a J.D. from DePaul University College of Law. Working part-time as a unit clerk at Lutheran General Hospital to finance college solidified her interest in health care. Since graduating from law school, she has worked in nearly every area of health care as an attorney, consultant and executive.

The entirety of her career—spanning the health care sector, leading a large production facility, working with diverse teams, fixing broken processes—has given Ann a unique perspective that she wants to put to work representing the 27th District in the Illinois State Senate. She wants to work on fixing the problems facing our state so that people want to live in Illinois, not move away.

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