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**Loraine Materasso Endorses Makki
and Heads Up ‘Homeschool Parents for Makki’**

St. Petersburg, FL – *Homeschool Parents for Makki* is a new coalition to increase the momentum of Amanda Makki’s grassroots campaign. With Florida leading the nation in new ways to bring opportunities in education to families, parents in Pinellas County are looking to tap Amanda Makki to be their advocate in Congress.

“I am excited to spearhead *Homeschool Parents for Makki* due to the increasing need for better educational opportunities here in Pinellas County. As an educator, I know firsthand the challenges our children are facing in public schools and how some families are seeking a more individualized learning experience for their children. Americans deserve to choose which learning environment is best for each of their children – education is not one size fits all. Protecting parents’ freedom to homeschool is a must as we advance educational pathways,” said Materasso.

Loraine Materasso is no stranger to the education sector of Florida. With twenty years as a Pinellas County resident and over ten years teaching, Loraine’s knowledge and network serve as an essential part of Makki’s grassroots activism across the district.

“Florida is a leading force in education. Children need opportunities that are as unique as they are, and Pinellas County parents are capable to freely choose what the best educational pathway is for their children. I am overjoyed to have such great educators joining my campaign to solidify that our community has a strong voice on Education in Congress,” said Makki.

Homeschool Parents for Makki marks Amanda Makki’s fourth coalition to date. Other groups supporting Amanda Makki for Congress are: *Cops for Makki*, headed by Cpl. Steve Squillante, *Veterans for Makki*, headed by Marine Corps Captain (former) Matt Tito, and *Bikers for Makki* is headed by Keith Overton and Bert King of Bert’s Barracuda.

As the Republican frontrunner candidate for Florida’s 13th Congressional District, Amanda Makki has received the endorsements from esteemed military veterans including Senator Joni Ernst, the first female combat veteran ever elected to the United States Senate, Congressmen Michael Waltz (Lt. Colonel), Congressman Neal Dunn (Major), and Combat veteran Robert O’Neill of the elite Navy SEAL Team 6, who shot Osama bin Laden.

In addition, she is endorsed by House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy, Republican Whip Steve Scalise, Health Care Ranking Member and Physician Michael Burgess, as well as Florida Congressional Representatives John Rutherford and Neal Dunn. Locally, Amanda has the support of Seminole City Councilor Thom Barnhorn, Belleair Beach Mayor Joseph Manzo and Treasure Island Commissioner Tyler Payne. She was named to the National Republican Campaign Committee’s Young Guns program as one of the top “Contender” candidates.

Additionally, Amanda has received over 20 major endorsements including the Conservative groups FreedomWorks, Republican Main Street Partnership PAC, and Maverick PAC as well as groups supporting the strongest female candidates in the U.S. including VIEW PAC, Maggie’s List, and Rep. Elise Stefanik’s E-PAC, that help female GOP candidates. She is also supported by the American College of Emergency Physicians and Associated Builders & Contractors Florida Gulf Coast Chapter.

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