

Washington, DC -- As part of continuing efforts to enhance and expand casework services, U.S. Representative Michael A. Arcuri (D-Utica) announced today that he has hired additional staff for his Cortland office and a new staffer for his Auburn office.

“Constituent casework services are my most important responsibilities as a Member of Congress,” **Arcuri said**. “From Social Security benefits to passport applications – my offices can help constituents with a wide range of services. By adding Cynthia and Patricia to my district staff, I’m confident that we will be able to enhance already top-notch constituent services. I encourage any resident of New York’s 24th Congressional District to contact any one of my three district offices if they ever have an issue with a federal agency.”

Additions and changes to Arcuri’s district staff include:

Cynthia Cornelius of Auburn will serve as Arcuri’s field representative and caseworker in the Auburn District Office. Cornelius, who will replace Crystal Purcell, who recently took a position in Auburn City Manager’s office, attended Monroe Community College in Rochester where she studied Social and Behavioral Sciences. Cornelius was previously employed as an Insurance Representative for an agency in Syracuse. Cornelius is married with four children.

Patricia Colasurdo of Cortland will join field representative Bob Messinger in Arcuri’s Cortland office as a caseworker. Colasurdo, who earned an AAS degree at Tompkins Cortland Community College, has lived in Cortland her entire life. Colasurdo previously worked as a consultant, advisor, and allocations coordinator at Cornell Theory Center (previously the Cornell National Supercomputer Facility) for the last 21 years. Colasurdo has four children and one grandchild.

For assistance with a casework problem, constituents are encouraged to contact one of Arcuri’s three district offices by calling toll-free (in NYS) 1-800-235-2525.

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