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LEGISLATIVE ACTION ALERT

Former VP Joe Biden campaigns in Pa. as Democrats hope to take U.S. House seat

Biden stressed the importance of standing with unions, & protecting Medicare & Social Security.

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MOON, Pa. -- Former Vice President Joseph R. Biden Jr. traveled to the Pittsburgh suburbs one week before the special election in Pennsylvania's 18th District with a message aimed squarely at the middle class.

At separate events before a crowd of union workers in Pittsburgh and then a packed room of supporters at Robert Morris University, Biden said Democrat Conor Lamb understands the people of the southwest Pennsylvania district. Invoking a military slogan, he said a Lamb victory would send a message across the country. "He'll never leave anybody behind," Biden said at the Carpenters Training Center in Pittsburgh late Tuesday afternoon. "Go out and make sure he wins. It will set a trend in the nation. It will change things."

Lamb will face off against GOP state Rep. Rick Saccone in a March 13 special election to fill former Republican Rep. Tim Murphy's seat. Lamb hails from

a political family though it's his first run for office. After serving as a Marine, he worked as a federal prosecutor.

Lamb has largely shied away from links the national party. He's said he wouldn't support California's Nancy Pelosi for House Democratic leader, and he declined to join his fellow Democrats in calling for new gun laws. It was Biden's appeal to working-class voters that brought him to the campaign trail in the contest's final week. (The former vice president also referenced his Pennsylvania roots, though he hails from the opposite side of the state.)

"If there's going to be a fight out there, I'm betting on that guy working construction or in a steel mill, I ain't betting on that fat cat writing a big check," the former vice president said, arguing that the grass-roots energy could overcome the barrage of critical TV ads.

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