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### **Tonko, Stratton to Host Open House at City Hall**

*New Congressional District Office at Schenectady City Hall Now Open,  
Offering Residents Easy Access for city and federal Assistance.*

**Press, Public Invited: Monday, August 10, 1-2 pm**

**SCHENECTADY** – Mayor Brian U. Stratton today announced he and Congressman Paul D. Tonko (D-Amsterdam) will host an Open House at City Hall on Monday, August 10, from 2–3 pm to celebrate the official opening of the Congressman's new Schenectady District Office located in room 15 on the ground floor of City Hall.

“We are so excited to welcome Schenectady's good friend, Congressman Paul Tonko, as a permanent resident of City Hall,” Mayor Stratton said. “For more than 25 years, Paul has worked tirelessly for the people of Schenectady in Albany, and now in Washington. With his congressional district office located here, our citizens will have the opportunity to visit their congressman as they conduct city business and other important affairs.

In addition, the members of my administration and I will have the benefit of working even more closely with Congressman Tonko and his staff on the critical issues now facing cities in Washington, including working to gain Schenectady's full share from the federal Economic Stimulus program,” Mayor Stratton added.

The public is invited to meet Congressman Tonko and his district staff from 2-3 pm on Monday, and enjoy light refreshments. Mayor Stratton will be on hand with other elected officials at that time as well.

Earlier this year, Congressman Tonko and Mayor Stratton negotiated a two-year lease for approximately 600 square feet of office space in City Hall. The district office, which opened in April, is staffed Monday through Friday during regular City Hall hours, and is staffed by the congressman's district staff members.

“Opening our Congressional district office in Schenectady City Hall is beneficial because it allows us to partner with municipal government in a way that is beneficial to our constituents,” said Congressman Paul Tonko. “I want to thank Mayor Brian Stratton and his staff for providing the space and helping create a simple way for people to take advantage of the services we can provide.”

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