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## Statement by Maryland LCV Executive Director, Cindy Schwartz Regarding Governor Ehrlich's Announcement

**ANNAPOLIS MD (April 7, 2010)** – “Today former Governor Robert Ehrlich formally announced his entrance into the Maryland Gubernatorial race. The Maryland League of Conservation Voters responds with a resounding; Been there, done that, can't afford to do it again.

Four years ago the people of Maryland decided that they had enough of Gov. Ehrlich and Lt. Gov. Steele's raiding of Program Open Space, dismantling of the state's environmental programs and complete disdain for enforcing environmental laws. The question voters should be asking now is what's changed about Gov. Ehrlich since his Administration proclaimed that “the environment won't have a seat at the table?”

I'll tell you what's changed; Governor O'Malley has given the environment, the Bay and the people of Maryland not only a seat at the table but has demonstrated that even with tough economic challenges, Maryland can protect the environment and create jobs.

Governor Ehrlich earned grades of D-plus and D respectively on the Maryland League of Conservation Voters gubernatorial scorecard -- a score reflective of the remarkable disdain the Ehrlich-Steele administration showed for our air, land and water during their four years in office. While his signing of the Flush Tax" is a net positive for the Chesapeake Bay, its benefits are far outweighed by his administrations' entire body of anti-environmental work.

Maryland cannot afford another four years of Governor Ehrlich - he has already done enough harm.”

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Founded in 1979, Maryland League of Conservation Voters (LCV) is non-partisan, 501 (c)(4) known as the political voice for the environment. We have since grown to a full-time, staffed organization that is governed by a volunteer board of directors. Maryland LCV is best known for our comprehensive yearly scorecard that evaluates the environmental votes of individual state legislators. We also grade the environmental record of the Governor. In addition, we regularly alert the public and the media of key actions of elected officials and closely monitor agencies and executive appointments.