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Second Round of Environmental Endorsements Announced for Maryland Senators and Delegates

Pro-Conservation Candidates Endorsed

(Annapolis, MD, July 26th, 2010) Today, the Maryland League of Conservation Voters (LCV) released its second round of endorsed candidates for Maryland Senate and the House of Delegates in the 2010 state elections. These seven Senate and 49 House endorsed candidates have all demonstrated leadership on environmental issues and a commitment to an open-door policy when it comes to working with us to protect the environment.

Earlier this year, the Maryland League endorsed Governor Martin O'Malley, Attorney General Doug Gansler, and Comptroller Peter Franchot, as well as 16 Senate candidates and 41 candidates for the Maryland House of Delegates for re-election.

With 23 open seats in the House of Delegates and three open seats in the Senate, voters will be sending a minimum 26 new legislators to Annapolis in January. Today, Maryland LCV endorsed 10 candidates for open seats in the House. "In many districts, the field of candidates is crowded," said Cindy Schwartz, Executive Director of the League. She continued, "By researching records, interviewing candidates, and reviewing their questionnaires, we're doing the homework voters don't have time for. We think these candidates will work with us and vote for pro-conservation legislation to protect Maryland's air, land, water, and people."

The Maryland League is also endorsing six candidates, Republican and Democrat, who are challenging incumbents in the House of Delegates or the Senate. Those are: Del. Joanne Benson (D) challenging Sen. Nathaniel Exum (D) in District 24; Christopher Jakubiak (D) challenging Sen. Richard Colburn (R) in District 37; Bill Ferguson (D) challenging Sen. George Della (D) in District 46; Mary Beth Pirolozzi (R) challenging Del. Kevin Kelly (D) in District 1B; Judd Legum (D) a challenger in District 30; and Lori Albin (D) a challenger in District 42.

“We endorse candidates who truly represent the environmental ethic of their district and who we believe will better represent their constituents’ values of protecting healthy air, open space, and restoring the Chesapeake Bay,” Schwartz said.

Every election, the Maryland League evaluates candidate questionnaires and considers legislative work and leadership on behalf of the environment. Before announcing endorsements, the Maryland League sends a questionnaire to every candidate, with more than 40 questions aimed at examining candidate’s positions, records, and plans for protecting Maryland’s air, land, water, and people. Additionally, the Board of Directors and staff conduct interviews with dozens of candidates for legislative office as well as for Comptroller, Attorney General, and Governor. In the 2010 elections, Maryland LCV will actively work to get selected pro-conservation candidates elected.

More endorsements will be released in the coming weeks and months.

“At the Maryland League of Conservation Voters, we are dedicated to passing strong environmental legislation, which is why we help elect matters. We have a great opportunity to make a substantial difference by increasing the conservation majority in the Maryland General Assembly,” Schwartz said.

(Please see attached list of endorsements)

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Maryland League of Conservation Voters
2010 Endorsements as of July 26, 2010

*=endorsed July 26th, 2010

District	Name, Office, Challenger
Statewide	Governor Martin O'Malley
Statewide	Attorney General Doug Gansler
Statewide	Comptroller Peter Franchot
1B	Mary Beth Pirolozzi, House, Challenger*
2C	John Donoghue, House*
3A	Galen Clagett, House*
6	John Olszewski Jr., House
8	Eric Bromwell, House*
8	Cal Bowman, House, Open Seat*
10	Shirley Nathan-Pulliam, House
10	Emmett Burns, House*
10	Adrienne Jones, House*
11	Bobby Zirkin, Senate*
11	Dan Morhaim, House
11	Dana Stein, House
11	Jon Cardin, House
12	Edward Kasemeyer, Senate*
12A	Steven DeBoy Sr., House*
12A	James Malone Jr., House*
12B	Elizabeth Bobo, House
13	Frank Turner, House
13	Guy Guzzone, House
13	Shane Pendergrass, House
14	Del. Karen Montgomery, Senate, Challenger
14	Anne Kaiser, House
14	Craig Zucker, House, Open Seat*
14	Eric Luedtke, House, Open Seat*
15	Rob Garagiola, Senate
15	Kathleen Dumais, House
15	Brian Feldman, House*
15	Aruna Miller, House, Open Seat*
16	Brian Frosh, Senate
16	Bill Frick, House

16	Susan Lee, House
17	Former Del. Cheryl Kagan, Senate, Challenger
17	Luiz Simmons, House
17	Kumar Barve, House
17	James Gilchrist, House
18	Richard Madaleno, Senate
18	Ana Sol Gutierrez, House
18	Al Carr, House
18	Jeff Waldstreicher, House
19	Mike Lenett, Senate
19	Ben Kramer, House*
19	Bonnie Cullison, House, Open Seat*
20	Jamie Raskin, Senate
20	Heather Mizeur, House
20	Sheila Hixson, House
20	Tom Hucker, House
21	Jim Rosapepe, Senate
21	Ben Barnes, House
21	Barbara Frush, House
21	Joseline Peña-Melnyk, House
22	Paul Pinsky, Senate
22	Anne Healey, House
22	Justin Ross, House
22	Tawanna Gaines, House
23A	James W. Hubbard, House
24	Del. Joanne Benson, Senate, Challenger*
24	Carolyn Howard, House*
24	Michael Vaughn, House*
25	Aisha Braveboy, House*
25	Melony Griffith, House*
26	Veronica Turner, House
26	Kriselda "Kris" Valderrama, House*
26	Jay Walker, House*
27A	James Proctor Jr., House*
27B	Sue Kullen, House*
28	Peter Murphy, House*
28	Gary Hodge, House, Open Seat*
30	Michael Busch, House

30	Virginia Clagett, House
30	Judd Legum, House, Challenger*
31	Steve Schuh, House
32	Pamela Beidle, House
32	Mary Ann Love, House*
32	Theodore Sophocleus, House*
34A	Mary-Dulany James, House*
34A	B. Daniel Riley, House*
34B	David Rudolph, House*
36	Donald Alcorn, Senate
37	Christopher Jakubiak, Senate, Challenger*
38	Del. Jim Mathias, Senate, Open Seat
38B	Norman Conway, House*
39	Del. Saqib Ali, Senate, Challenger
39	Kirill Reznik, House
39	Charles Barkley, House*
39	Shane Robinson, House, Open Seat*
40	Catherine Pugh, Senate*
40	Shawn Tarrant, House
40	Barbara Robinson, House*
40	Frank Conaway Jr., House*
41	Lisa Gladden, Senate
41	Jill Carter, House*
41	Nathaniel Oaks, House*
41	Samuel I. "Sandy" Rosenberg, House*
42	Jim Brochin, Senate
42	Stephen Lafferty, House
42	Lori Albin, House, Challenger*
43	Joan Carter Conway, Senate
43	Maggie McIntosh, House
43	Curt Anderson, House*
43	Mary Washington, House, Open Seat*
44	Verna Jones, Senate*
44	Keith Haynes, House
44	Melvin Stukes, House
45	Talmadge Branch, House*
45	Cheryl Glenn, House*
45	Hattie Harrison, House*

46 Bill Ferguson, Senate, Challenger*
46 Peter Hammen, House*
46 Brian McHale, House*
46 Luke Clippinger, House, Open Seat*

47 David Harrington, Senate
47 Lamar Thorpe, House, Open Seat*
47 Doyle Niemann, House
47 Del. Jolene Ivey, House

***=endorsed July 26th, 2010**