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Maryland League of Conservation Voters and League of Conservation Voters Endorse Rep. Wayne Gilchrest

*Groups Applaud Gilchrest's Outstanding Leadership
on Protecting the Chesapeake Bay & Clean Energy Issues*

ANNAPOLIS, MD – The Maryland League of Conservation Voters (MDLCV) and the League of Conservation Voters (LCV) today announced their joint endorsement of Representative Wayne Gilchrest (R-MD) for re-election in Maryland's 1st Congressional District.

"Representative Wayne Gilchrest is a champion for Maryland's environment -- from protecting our Chesapeake Bay and waterways to preserving our open spaces -- and the Maryland League of Conservation Voters is proud to endorse him for re-election," Maryland LCV Executive Director Cindy Schwartz said. "Wayne Gilchrest offers a strong voice in Congress for protecting the Chesapeake Bay because he understands that it is both a vital part our natural heritage and an engine of the local economy."

"The League of Conservation Voters is endorsing Representative Wayne Gilchrest for Congress because he has led the way on commonsense solutions to our energy challenges that will make our nation more secure by decreasing our dependence on oil, reducing energy costs, and ensuring a cleaner, healthier environment for our children and grandchildren." LCV President Gene Karpinski said. "Wayne Gilchrest understands that by ushering in a clean energy future, we can free our nation from the grip of foreign oil, move more quickly towards energy independence and ensure that the U.S. is self-sufficient in meeting its energy needs."

As an enthusiastic outdoorsman who regularly canoes and hikes, Rep. Gilchrest has been a strong voice in Congress for protecting the Chesapeake Bay and the Eastern Shore. He is a Co-Chair of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Task Force, where he has introduced legislation and led efforts to help restore the Chesapeake.

"Marylanders understand that preserving our heritage and natural resources for future generations is of critical importance, and that the health of our local economy depends in large part on the health of our environment and the Chesapeake Bay," Representative Wayne Gilchrest said. "I am honored to receive this recognition for the work we have done, and for the awareness that this remains a responsibility for us all."

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Rep. Gilchrest has also been a leader in helping our country transition to a clean energy economy. He has championed legislative efforts to help reduce our dependence on oil, help the environment and save consumers money, such as increasing fuel efficiency measures to make new cars go further on a gallon of gas. As Co-Chair and Co-Founder of the Congressional Climate Change Caucus, Rep. Gilchrest's has also demonstrated considerable leadership on helping to address this significant challenge. Maryland is the third most vulnerable state to sea level rises due to climate change.

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