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W.Va. Chamber PAC Announces 2018 Primary Election Endorsements

Charleston, W.Va. – The West Virginia Chamber Political Action Committee today announced its endorsements for the 2018 Primary Elections in West Virginia. In the race for the United States Senate, the West Virginia Chamber PAC is endorsing Rep. Evan Jenkins in the Republican Primary. West Virginia Chamber President Steve Roberts stated, “Congressman Jenkins has consistently voted for policies that will further job creation and economic development while serving in both the U.S. House of Representatives and the West Virginia Legislature. His history of supporting pro-business initiatives and his legislative experience combined to make him the strong favorite among Chamber members. During his time in the West Virginia Legislature, he maintained a 100% record with the West Virginia Chamber. The Chamber PAC strongly endorses his Primary campaign for the U.S. Senate.”

In the races for the U.S. House of Representatives, Rep. David B. McKinley and Rep. Alex Mooney have both been endorsed in their re-election campaigns. Roberts continued, “In the race for the open seat in the 3rd Congressional District, we noted that several top-notch candidates are running. The Chamber PAC gave the nod to current Delegate Carol Miller due to her time as Chair of the House Small Business Committee and her seniority in the West Virginia House of Delegates, during which she has maintained a nearly flawless record on advancing legislation that will promote job creation and economic development.”

The Chamber PAC, which announced the endorsements, is the political arm of the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce, which is the state’s leading association of employers whose priority is job creation and economic development. Chamber members employ over half of West Virginia’s workforce.

In addition to the races for United States Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives, the Chamber PAC announced endorsements in several legislative races. All endorsements made were based on criteria which included voting records, questionnaires and interviews with the candidates. To view a full list of all endorsements made by the Chamber PAC, please see below:

2018 Primary Election Endorsements

United States Senate

Evan Jenkins (R)

United States House of Representatives

David B. McKinley (R) – 1st District

Alex Mooney (R) – 2nd District

Carol Miller (R) – 3rd District

West Virginia Senate Candidates

Ryan Ferns (R) – 1st District

Charles Clements (R) – 2nd District

Mike Azinger (R) – 3rd District

Mark Maynard (R) – 6th District

Ed Gaunch (R) – 8th District

Lynne Arvon (R) – 9th District

Boogie Ambler (R) – 10th District

Robert Karnes (R) – 11th District

Mike Oliverio (R) – 13th District

Charles Trump (R) – 15th District

Tom Takubo (R) – 17th District

West Virginia House of Delegates Candidates

Mark Zatezalo (R) – 1st District

Erikka Storch (R) – 3rd District

Dalton Haas (R) – 3rd District

Jason Harshbarger (R) – 7th District

Bill Anderson (R) – 8th District

Ray Hollen (R) – 9th District

Vernon Criss (R) – 10th District

Frank Deem (R) – 10th District

John Kelly (R) – 10th District

Martin Atkinson (R) – 11th District

Steve Westfall (R) – 12th District

Joshua Higginbotham (R) – 13th District

Scott Cadle (R) – 13th District

Jim Butler (R) – 14th District

Geoff Foster (R) – 15th District

John Mandt (R) – 16th District
Joyce Holland (R) – 17th District
Evan Worrell (R) – 18th District
Mark Dean (R) – 21st District
Joe Jeffries (R) – 22nd District
Joe Ellington (R) – 27th District
John Shott (R) – 27th District
Mike Swatts (R) – 27th District
Roy Cooper (R) – 28th District
Jeffrey Pack (R) – 28th District
Brandon Steele (R) – 29th District
Chanda Adkins (R) – 31st District
Kayla Kessinger (R) – 32nd District
Austin Haynes (R) – 32nd District
Roger Hanshaw (R) – 33rd District
Charlotte Lane (R) – 35th District
Moore Capito (R) – 35th District
Eric Nelson (R) – 35th District
Chris Pritt (R) – 36th District
Sharon Lewis Malcolm (R) – 39th District
Mike House (R) – 43rd District
Patrick Martin (R) – 46th District
Danny Hamrick (R) – 48th District
Ben Queen (R) – 48th District
Terry Waxman (R) – 48th District
Amy Summers (R) – 49th District
Debbie Warner (R) – 51st District
Joe Statler (R) – 51st District
Cindy Frich (R) – 51st District
Roger Shuttlesworth (R) – 51st District
Terri Sypolt (R) – 52nd District
D. Rolland Jennings (R) – 53rd District
Gary Howell (R) – 56th District
Ruth Rowan (R) – 57th District
Daryl Cowles (R) – 58th District
Larry W. Faircloth (R) – 60th District
Tom Bibby (R) – 62nd District
Eric Householder (R) – 64th District
Paul Espinosa (R) – 66th District