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Progressive Maryland Announces Candidates Who Earn its “Early Endorsement” in 2010 Election

PM vows maximal effort to elect these “Champions of Working Families”

Silver Spring. Progressive Maryland (PM) today announced which candidates for state and local office in the 2010 election received the group’s coveted “early endorsement.”

PM, with 15,000 individual members and supporters as well as dozens of organizational affiliates, is the strongest pro-worker advocacy group in the state. PM gets vigorously involved in elections to help elect its endorsed candidates and defeat opponents. In the 2006 election, more than 90 of its endorsed candidates won.

“Yesterday, our board of directors reviewed the records and questionnaire responses of dozens of candidates who seek our endorsement,” said Elbridge James, PM’s President. “It takes a 2/3 vote of our Board to get PM’s endorsement, so our endorsed candidates are truly Champions of Working Families.”

“PM will now mobilize our thousands of members and dozens of affiliates and knock on thousands of doors to elect this progressive slate,” said Rion Dennis, the new Acting Director of PM. “We are focused especially on improving the state Senate, where too many pro-working family reforms have died over the past four years.”

Here are the candidates winning Progressive Maryland’s “early endorsement”:

General Assembly Incumbents
Delegate Karen Montgomery for Senator in District 14
Delegate Joanne Benson for Senator in District 24
Delegate Jon Cardin, District 11

Delegate Elizabeth Bobo, District 12B
Delegate Shane Pendergrass, District 13
 Delegate Frank Turner, District 13
 Delegate Anne Kaiser, District 14
 Senator Rob Garagiola, District 15
Delegate Kathleen Dumais, District 15
 Delegate Brian Feldman, District 15
 Senator Brian Frosh, District 16
 Delegate Bill Frick, District 16
 Delegate Susan Lee, District 16
Delegate Ana Sol Gutierrez, District 18
 Senator Jamie Raskin, District 20
 Delegate Sheila Hixson, District 20
 Delegate Tom Hucker, District 20
 Delegate Heather Mizeur, District 20
 Senator Jim Rosapepe, District 21
 Delegate Ben Barnes, District 21
 Delegate Barbara Frush, District 21
Delegate Joseline Pena-Melnyk, District 21
 Senator Paul Pinsky, District 22
 Delegate Anne Healey, District 22
 Delegate Tawanna Gaines, District 22
 Delegate Justin Ross, District 22
 Delegate James Hubbard, District 23A
 Delegate Aisha Braveboy, District 25
 Delegate Veronica Turner, District 26
 Delegate Kris Valderrama, District 26
 Delegate Charles Barkley, District 39
 Delegate Kirill Reznik, District 39
 Delegate Shawn Tarrant, District 40
 Delegate Sandy Rosenberg, District 41
 Delegate Maggie McIntosh, District 43
 Delegate Pete Hammen, District 46
 Delegate Doyle Niemann, District 47

General Assembly Challengers

Ryan Trout for Delegate in District 4A
James "Ward" Morrow for Delegate in District 7
Mary Ann Maher for Delegate in District 9A
Eric Luedtke for Delegate in District 14
Bonnie Cullison for Delegate in District 19
Jay Hutchins for Delegate in District 19
Stan Janor for Delegate in District 31
Lori Albin for Delegate in District 42
Mary Washington for Delegate in District 43

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