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## **W.Va. Chamber PAC Endorses Bill Cole for Governor**

**Charleston, W.Va.** – The West Virginia Chamber Political Action Committee today announced its endorsement of Bill Cole for Governor of West Virginia. Bill Cole has served as the President of the West Virginia Senate since 2015. West Virginia Chamber President Steve Roberts stated, “Bill Cole works tirelessly to promote job creation and economic development in West Virginia. Under his leadership, the West Virginia Legislature has begun the most comprehensive series of job creation reforms in a lifetime. His leadership in the Governor’s Office will allow West Virginia to embark on a new era fueled by Bill Cole’s energy, enthusiasm and expertise.”

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. Roberts continued, “We listen carefully to our members for guidance, and they have clearly and overwhelmingly indicated their support for Bill Cole to be the next Governor of West Virginia.”

During the two legislative sessions in which Bill Cole served as President of the Senate, the Legislature enacted legislation to:

- support small businesses
- promote good health initiatives
- guarantee legal fairness and removed partisanship from our state’s courts
- implement regulatory reforms that protect public health while encouraging businesses to grow a create jobs
- undertake significant education and workforce preparedness measures
- pass competitive and modern workplace safety laws
- demand accountability and efficiency in state government
- balance the budget without a general tax increase.

In addition to the race for Governor, the Chamber PAC announced endorsements in several other statewide and 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:

## **2016 General Election Endorsements**

### **Statewide Races**

Bill Cole (R) – Governor  
Patrick Morrissey (R) – Attorney General  
Mac Warner (R) – Secretary of State  
JB McCuskey (R) - Auditor  
Ann Urling (R) – Treasurer

### **West Virginia Senate Candidates**

Ryan Weld (R) – 1<sup>st</sup> District  
Michael Maroney (R) – 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
Donna Boley (R) – 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
Mike Azinger (R) – 3<sup>rd</sup> District Special Election  
Mitch Carmichael (R) – 4<sup>th</sup> District  
Bob Plymale (D) – 5<sup>th</sup> District  
Chandler Swope (R) – 6<sup>th</sup> District  
Jordan Ray Bridges (R) – 7<sup>th</sup> District  
Chris Walters (R) – 8<sup>th</sup> District  
Sue Cline (R) – 9<sup>th</sup> District  
Kenny Mann (R) – 10<sup>th</sup> District  
Greg Boso (R) – 11<sup>th</sup> District  
Randy Smith (R) – 14<sup>th</sup> District  
Craig Blair (R) – 15<sup>th</sup> District  
Patricia Rucker (R) – 16<sup>th</sup> District

### **West Virginia House of Delegates Candidates**

Mark Zatezalo (R) – 1<sup>st</sup> District  
Erikka Storch (R) – 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
Scott Reed (R) – 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
David Evans (R) – 4<sup>th</sup> District  
Bill Anderson (R) – 8<sup>th</sup> District  
Frank Deem (R) – 10<sup>th</sup> District  
John Kelly (R) – 10<sup>th</sup> District  
Martin Atkinson (R) – 11<sup>th</sup> District  
Steve Westfall (R) – 12<sup>th</sup> District  
Jim Butler (R) – 14<sup>th</sup> District  
Geoff Foster (R) – 15<sup>th</sup> District

Carol Miller (R) – 16<sup>th</sup> District  
Chuck Romine (R) – 16<sup>th</sup> District  
Matt Rohrbach (R) – 17<sup>th</sup> District  
Kelli Sobonya (R) – 18<sup>th</sup> District  
Michel Moffat (R) – 22<sup>nd</sup> District  
Rupie Phillips (D) – 24<sup>th</sup> District  
John Shott (R) – 27<sup>th</sup> District  
Marty Gearheart (R) – 27<sup>th</sup> District  
Joe Ellington (R) – 27<sup>th</sup> District  
Roy Cooper (R) – 28<sup>th</sup> District  
Lynne Arvon (R) – 31<sup>st</sup> District  
Kayla Kessinger (R) – 32<sup>nd</sup> District  
Roger Hanshaw (R) – 33<sup>rd</sup> District  
Eric Nelson (R) – 35<sup>th</sup> District  
Charlotte Lane (R) – 35<sup>th</sup> District  
Moore Capito (R) – 35<sup>th</sup> District  
Keith Pauley (R) – 35<sup>th</sup> District  
Brad White (R) – 36<sup>th</sup> District  
Chelsea Walker-Gaskins (R) – 36<sup>th</sup> District  
Nancy Reagan Foster (R) – 38<sup>th</sup> District  
Ron Walters (R) – 39<sup>th</sup> District  
Tim Armstead (R) – 40<sup>th</sup> District  
Jordan Hill (R) – 41<sup>st</sup> District  
Boogie Ambler (R) – 42<sup>nd</sup> District  
Patrick S. Martin (R) – 46<sup>th</sup> District  
Danny Wagner (R) – 47<sup>th</sup> District  
Danny Hamrick (R) – 48<sup>th</sup> District  
Terry Waxman (R) – 48<sup>th</sup> District  
Ben Queen (R) – 48<sup>th</sup> District  
Amy Summers (R) – 49<sup>th</sup> District  
Cindy Frich (R) – 51<sup>st</sup> District  
Joe Statler (R) – 51<sup>st</sup> District  
Terri Funk Sypolt (R) – 52<sup>nd</sup> District  
Gary Howell (R) – 56<sup>th</sup> District  
Ruth Rowan (R) – 57<sup>th</sup> District  
Daryl Cowles (R) – 58<sup>th</sup> District  
Saira Blair (R) – 59<sup>th</sup> District  
John Overington (R) – 62<sup>nd</sup> District  
Eric Householder (R) – 64<sup>th</sup> District  
Jill Upson (R) – 65<sup>th</sup> District  
Paul Espinosa (R) – 66<sup>th</sup> District  
Riley Moore (R) – 67<sup>th</sup> District

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