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

West Virginia House of Delegates Candidates

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

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

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