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## **MD/DC AFL-CIO ENDORSE O'MALLEY/BROWN CAMPAIGN**

*Cite Experience and Commitment to Fighting for Maryland Families*

**ANNAPOLIS, MD (March 7, 2006)** – Today, the Maryland State and District of Columbia AFL-CIO officially endorsed Martin O'Malley and Anthony Brown for Governor and Lt. Governor of the State of Maryland.

Speaking before a crowd of working men and women, Fred D. Mason, Jr., president of the MD/DC AFL-CIO, praised the O'Malley/Brown record and commitment to fighting for working families. "It's time for a change," said Mason. "And Martin O'Malley and Anthony Brown are the leaders who will get the governor's office back on the side of Maryland's working families."

With 82% of the vote, the organization with a membership of close to 300,000 voted overwhelmingly to endorse the O'Malley/Brown Team. In supporting O'Malley and Brown, they cited Martin O'Malley's record of progress in Baltimore, and O'Malley and Brown's vision and commitment to fight for Maryland's hard-working families.

"It's time to get our state working again for Maryland's hard working families," said Martin O'Malley. "We are proud to have the early support of the working men and women of the AFL-CIO, and as Governor, I will never stop fighting to improve the quality of life for Maryland's hard-working families."

"We shouldn't need to override a Governor's veto to guarantee our workers a one dollar increase in the minimum wage or to make health care more affordable," said Anthony Brown. "But that's exactly what we had to do to protect families from Ehrlich's vetoes. We can do better."

The MD/DC AFL-CIO endorsement comes more than six months before the Democratic primary and eight months before the general election and demonstrates the strong and early support for Martin O'Malley and Anthony Brown throughout the state. The O'Malley/Brown campaign has also secured the early endorsements of many elected officials across Maryland and thousands of Marylanders have gone online to endorse the ticket and join Team O'Malley/Brown at [www.martinomalley.com](http://www.martinomalley.com).

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