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## Western Maryland Building and Construction Trades Council Endorses Martin O'Malley for Governor

*O'Malley's Momentum Grows with Another Union Endorsement*

**CUMBERLAND, MD (November 22, 2005)** – Yesterday, the Western Maryland Building and Construction Trades Council declared its support for Martin O'Malley in his bid for Governor of Maryland. The 2,500 member council believes that O'Malley is the strongest candidate to defeat Bob Ehrlich in the general election.

“Receiving this endorsement from the Western Maryland Building and Construction Trades Council is a great honor. As Governor, I will fight every day for our working families in every single county. Together, we will prove that a stronger Maryland can do better,” said O'Malley.

According to the official release by the Union's President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer, “The reasons behind this endorsement are many. We feel that Mayor O'Malley Believes that all working men and women deserve dignity in the workplace and should have a level playing field when it comes to worker safety, rights to a fair wage, health care for their families, and the availability of a pension that will not reduce their standard of living. Additionally, we believe Mayor O'Malley, when serving as Governor, will strive to better the education of all students and work with educators to create a better school system.” Attached is the union's official letter endorsing O'Malley.

The Western Maryland Building and Construction Trades Council represents 16 affiliated unions based in Garrett, Allegany, and Washington Counties. All told, these affiliated unions have 2,500 members. The unions include the International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Asbestos Workers Local #2; the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders, Blacksmiths, Forgers and Helpers Local Union #193; the International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local Union #15; the United Brotherhood of Carpenters Local Union #340; the United Brotherhood of Carpenters Local Union #1024; the Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons International Association Local Union #39; Area 296; the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union #307; the International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers Local Union #568; the International Union of Operating Engineers Local Union #37; the Laborers International Union

of North America Local Union #616; the United Association of Plumbers and Steamfitters Local Union #489; the United Association of Plumbers and Steamfitters Local Union #486; the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local Union #453; the Sheetmetal Workers International Local Union #100; the United Association Road Sprinklerfitters Local Union #669; and the United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers and Allied Workers Local Union #34.

Previously, 1199 SEIU United Health Care Workers East, the Mid-Atlantic Regional Council of Carpenters, and the Mid-Atlantic Board of UNITE HERE formally announced their support. O'Malley has also received the support of dozens of local elected officials from across the state and the Battle Grove Democratic Club.

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