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Mid-Atlantic Regional Council of Carpenters Endorses O'Malley

*Union Believes O'Malley is the Best Candidate to Reclaim the
State House for Working Families in 2006*

FORESTVILLE, MD (November 3, 2005) – Today, Martin O'Malley received an endorsement from the Mid-Atlantic Regional Council of Carpenters. 5,000 of the Union's 8,000 members in Maryland are based in the Washington suburbs, which shows O'Malley traction throughout the state. An energetic crowd of local O'Malley supporters and union members attended the rally.

In introducing O'Malley, the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Mid-Atlantic Council of Carpenters Bill Halbert said, "Just as Martin has made investing in jobs a priority for Baltimore, he will make job growth and fighting for regular middle class people a priority in our state. He has a vision to create good-paying jobs with real benefits. And no other candidate comes close."

Halbert also said, "Martin will protect our retirement security – he won't cave into corporate pressure to abandon their responsibilities to people who have given a lifetime of work."

After winning this critical endorsement, O'Malley declared, "The Carpenters and I agree that people who work hard and play by the rules deserve jobs with good wages and real benefits. When it comes to health care affordability and retirement security, the state is sliding backward. With the help of the Carpenters, we can move Maryland forward in a better direction."

In addition to its 5,000 members in the Washington suburbs, the union represents 2,000 members who live in the Baltimore metropolitan area, and 850 members in Western Maryland. The Mid-Atlantic Regional Council of Carpenters also includes members in West Virginia, Virginia, and Washington, DC. The Carpenters' Union represents thousands of professional, highly-skilled carpenters, cabinetmakers, millwrights, pile drivers, lathers, framers, floor coverers, drywallers, and joiners.

The Carpenters' endorsement is the second major union endorsement for the O'Malley campaign. Previously, he received the endorsement of 1199 SEIU United Health Care Workers East. In addition to these union endorsements, O'Malley has received the support of dozens of

local elected officials and community leaders from battlegrounds such as Howard County and Maryland's Lower Shore.

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