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Battle Grove Democratic Club Endorses Martin O'Malley for Governor

ESSEX, MD (November 19, 2005) – Last night, the Battle Grove Democratic Club formally voted to endorse Martin O'Malley for Governor of Maryland. Over 80 members enthusiastically welcomed O'Malley to their club meeting and offered their support during the course of the campaign. This endorsement comes in a region of the state where Ehrlich performed strongly in 2002, but O'Malley has shown early organizational strength.

According to club President Gary Mongan, "O'Malley not only has a strong record, he has the best vision for working families, including our children and our seniors. He is also, without a doubt, the best candidate to beat Bob Ehrlich."

"Eastern Baltimore County is a critical battleground in the race for governor. A stronger Maryland can do better, and I promise to fight for Baltimore County's families as governor," said O'Malley

Founded in 1933, the Battle Grove Democratic Club is one of the oldest Democratic clubs in Baltimore County. It now claims over 750 members. This endorsement is particularly important, because the Democratic club is located in Baltimore County, a key battleground that Ehrlich won with 62% in the 2002 election. According to the Baltimore Sun, the race between O'Malley and Ehrlich is within the margin of error in Baltimore County.

The Battle Grove Democratic Club's endorsement builds on a series of union and local endorsements for the campaign. Previously, 1199 SEIU United Health Care Workers East, the Mid-Atlantic Regional Council of Carpenters, and UNITE HERE formally announced their support. Earlier this week, O'Malley received endorsements from local elected officials representing Northern Anne Arundel County, who added their names to the dozens already supporting his candidacy for governor.

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