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O'Malley Campaign to Report \$4.19 million cash-on-hand
Campaign raised \$4.29 million in reporting period

Baltimore, MD (January 15, 2006) – Martin O'Malley's campaign for Governor today reported an unprecedented \$4.19 million dollars cash-on-hand after raising \$4.29 million in the period.

This is believed to be the highest cash-on-hand number that any gubernatorial or senatorial challenger amassed at the same point in the 2004 election cycle. O'Malley's demonstration of financial strength confirms that he is in the most competitive position to defeat Governor Bob Ehrlich in November.

O'Malley is even further along than the successful gubernatorial effort in Virginia. At a similar point in his campaign, Democrat Tim Kaine reported \$3.2 million on-hand. Virginia was one of only two gubernatorial races in the country in 2005, and Virginia does not have contribution limits as compared to Maryland's \$4000 contribution limit.

Ehrlich is expected to report a significant fundraising number based upon his intense fundraising efforts over the past few years as an incumbent Governor and his close relationship to the Bush White House and Republicans in Washington. However, the most recent reputable poll in Maryland, a November *Baltimore Sun* poll, has O'Malley with a lead over the governor. The latest financial numbers combined with positive polling and early organizing efforts add to the strong momentum of the O'Malley/Brown Team.

O'Malley expressed his thanks: "On behalf of our campaign to move Maryland in a better direction, we want to pass along our gratitude to the thousands of Marylanders of all backgrounds who have contributed to make this campaign one of the strongest in Maryland's history."

O'Malley/Brown campaign manager Jonathan Epstein added: "Hard-working Maryland families have found an alternative to Bob Ehrlich, and they are investing in Martin's campaign to ensure he is the next Governor of Maryland."

O'Malley's fundraising success was wide and deep. In addition to raising \$2 million at an event last June at M&T Bank Stadium, O'Malley also raised low-dollar donations from supporters throughout Maryland in every county. The campaign also received 2,098 contributions of \$100 or less.

One of the most significant sources of campaign income came from Team O'Malley/Brown supporters who contributed heavily over the Internet. In the week prior to the reporting deadline, approximately \$100,000 dollars were raised online.

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