



West
Virginians for Life, Inc.

Update on Pro-Life Endorsements

MORGANTOWN (May 4, 2010)—West Virginians for Life is the largest single issue advocacy group protecting the rights of the unborn in West Virginia. Our board is made up of men and women from around the entire state whose input is essential during the Political Action Committee endorsement process. Endorsements are not made lightly. An endorsement policy is followed. Because the group has been hugely successful in election outcomes, unborn babies in West Virginia are safer now. Had it not been for the efforts of WVLPAC in electing pro-life men and women to office, there would not be a Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act, a Woman's Right to Know law, an Unborn Victims of Violence Ban and an Ultrasound Option law.

WVLPAC had previously endorsed incumbents Congressmen Alan Mollohan and Nick J. Rahall because of their long-term support for pro-life policies. Recently, Congressmen Mollohan and Rahall voted to enact President Obama's health care legislation, which will provide federal subsidies for insurance plans that cover abortion on demand and opens the door to other expansions of abortion, and which contains provisions that will result in large-scale rationing of lifesaving medical treatments. For these reasons, in this election cycle, we have switched our support in the Democratic Primary from the incumbents in order to support Democrats Michael Oliverio in the First Congressional District and Bruce Barilla in the Third Congressional District.

In the Republican Primary, we have endorsed former State Delegate David McKinley in the First Congressional District and former Supreme Court Judge, Elliott "Spike" Maynard, in the Third Congressional District.

"David McKinley has the best pro-life record of any candidate in the Republican Primary for the First Congressional District," remarked WVFL State President, Karen Cross. "In the many years we have worked with him, while he served in the West Virginia legislature, we have found him to be a stalwart pro-life legislator, who could be counted upon to work with WVFL on our pro-life agenda. We truly believe that he would be an unshakable voice for the unborn."

In the Republican Primary in the Third Congressional District, we endorsed "Spike" Maynard over the other candidates. "He has been a staunch defender of the right to life as a former West Virginia Supreme Court Justice," said Cross; "and he was the keynote speaker at the 2007 WVFL State Convention."

West Virginians for Life, the state affiliate of the National Right to Life Committee, is the state's largest pro-life group with more than 40 local chapters. West Virginians for Life works through legislation and education to protect those threatened by abortion, infanticide and euthanasia