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**Oliverio Defeats Mollohan in West Virginia Primary**

**McKinley and Maynard Win Republican Nominations**

West Virginians for Life is pleased that Michael Oliverio has defeated 14-term U.S. Congressman Alan Mollohan in the Democrat Primary in West Virginia's First Congressional District. Mike Oliverio maintained a 12% lead throughout the night.

In past elections West Virginians for Life Political Action Committee (WVL PAC) had endorsed incumbents Congressmen Alan Mollohan and Nick Rahall in the Third Congressional District because of their support for pro-life policies. However, 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. It will also result in large-scale rationing of lifesaving medical treatments. For these reasons, endorsements were given to Democrat Michael Oliverio and Republican David McKinley in the First Congressional District and in the Third Congressional District to Elliott "Spike" Maynard.

David McKinley held on with an 8% lead to win the Republican nomination in a six-way race. Maynard won his primary in a six-way race and will challenge incumbent Nick Rahall in the fall.

"Regardless of the outcome in the general election, the First Congressional District in West Virginia will have strong pro-life representation," stated WVL PAC President Mary Anne Buchanan. "And in the Third Congressional District, we are hoping that pro-life candidate Spike Maynard will defeat incumbent Nick Rahall after his betrayal of the babies with his health care vote. Our babies need legislators who will stand up for them regardless of the pressure."

*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*

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