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BIC Endorses 69 Legislative Candidates in 2018 Primary Election

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The West Virginia Business & Industry Council has endorsed 69 candidates for legislative races in the 2018 Primary Election.

“This bipartisan list of candidates includes longtime legislators and also some who are new to public services, but all are united by a shared goal of improving West Virginia’s business climate and growing our job base,” said BIC Chairman Chris Hamilton. “We encourage West Virginia’s business community to support the candidates on this list.”

The West Virginia Business & Industry Council represents more than 60 West Virginia trade associations and businesses representing more than 395,000 employees. The organization’s goal is to enhance the business climate in West Virginia, and its members have been working to that end for more than three decades.

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BIC’s 2018 Primary Endorsements:

Name	Office/District
Ryan Ferns	West Virginia Senate, District 1
Charles Clements	West Virginia Senate, District 2
Mike Azinger	West Virginia Senate, District 3
Mark Drennan	West Virginia Senate, District 4
Mike Woelfel	West Virginia Senate, District 5
Mark R. Maynard	West Virginia Senate, District 6
Ron Stollings	West Virginia Senate, District 7
Ed Gaunch	West Virginia Senate, District 8
Lynne Arvon	West Virginia Senate, District 9
George “Boogie” Ambler	West Virginia Senate, District 10
Robert Lee Karnes	West Virginia Senate, District 11
Mike Oliverio	West Virginia Senate, District 13
Dave Sypolt	West Virginia Senate, District 14
Charles Trump IV	West Virginia Senate, District 15
Michael Craig Folk	West Virginia Senate, District 16
Tom Takubo	West Virginia Senate, District 17
Mark Zatezalo	West Virginia House of Delegates, District 1
Erikka Storch	West Virginia House of Delegates, District 3

Jason S. Harshbarger	West Virginia House of Delegates, District 7
Bill Anderson	West Virginia House of Delegates, District 8
Ray Hollen	West Virginia House of Delegates, District 9
Vernon Criss	West Virginia House of Delegates, District 10
Frank Deem	West Virginia House of Delegates, District 10
John R. Kelly	West Virginia House of Delegates, District 10
Martin "Rick" Atkinson	West Virginia House of Delegates, District 11
Steve Westfall	West Virginia House of Delegates, District 12
Scott Cadle	West Virginia House of Delegates, District 13
Joshua Higginbotham	West Virginia House of Delegates, District 13
Jim Butler	West Virginia House of Delegates, District 14
Geoff Foster	West Virginia House of Delegates, District 15
John Mandt	West Virginia House of Delegates, District 16
John Linville	West Virginia House of Delegates, District 16
Matthew Rohrbach	West Virginia House of Delegates, District 17
Evan Worrell	West Virginia House of Delegates, District 18
Mark Dean	West Virginia House of Delegates, District 21
Zack Maynard	West Virginia House of Delegates, District 22
Tony Paynter	West Virginia House of Delegates, District 25
Joe C. Ellington Jr.	West Virginia House of Delegates, District 27
John H. Shott	West Virginia House of Delegates, District 27
Roy G Cooper	West Virginia House of Delegates, District 28
Jeffrey Pack	West Virginia House of Delegates, District 28
Tom Fast	West Virginia House of Delegates, District 32
Kayla Kessinger	West Virginia House of Delegates, District 32
Roger Hanshaw	West Virginia House of Delegates, District 33
Moore Capito	West Virginia House of Delegates, District 35
Charlotte R. Lane	West Virginia House of Delegates, District 35
Eric Nelson	West Virginia House of Delegates, District 35
Richard L. Patrick	West Virginia House of Delegates, District 37
Kenneth E. Tawney	West Virginia House of Delegates, District 40
Jordan Hill	West Virginia House of Delegates, District 41
Bill Hartman	West Virginia House of Delegates, District 43
Carl "Robbie" Martin	West Virginia House of Delegates, District 45
Patrick Martin	West Virginia House of Delegates, District 46
Danny Hamrick	West Virginia House of Delegates, District 48
Ben Queen	West Virginia House of Delegates, District 48
Terry Waxman	West Virginia House of Delegates, District 48
Amy Summers	West Virginia House of Delegates, District 49
Guy Ward	West Virginia House of Delegates, District 50
Cindy Frich	West Virginia House of Delegates, District 51
Joe Statler	West Virginia House of Delegates, District 51
Terri Funk Sypolt	West Virginia House of Delegates, District 52
D.R. "Buck" Jennings	West Virginia House of Delegates, District 53
Gary G. Howell	West Virginia House of Delegates, District 56
Ruth Rowan	West Virginia House of Delegates, District 57
Daryl E. Cowles	West Virginia House of Delegates, District 58
Eric Lee Householder	West Virginia House of Delegates, District 64

Jill Upson
Paul Espinosa
Riley Moore

West Virginia House of Delegates, District 65
West Virginia House of Delegates, District 66
West Virginia House of Delegates, District 67