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**STATEMENT FROM THE WV BUSINESS & INDUSTRY COUNCIL ON
GOVERNOR'S POLITICAL PARTY SWITCH**

CHARLESTON, W.Va. - The West Virginia Business & Industry Council, whose membership includes trade associations and businesses from 26 industries and representing over 400,000 workers, released the following statement today:

As the dust settles from Gov. Jim Justice's change in party affiliation, we at the West Virginia Business & Industry Council are hopeful. We are hopeful that having the Legislature and Governor from the same political party means they will embark on a new, better relationship based on upholding conservative fiscal policies to encourage economic growth.

It's time to leave behind the partisan animosity that we have all been witness to in recent months and forge ahead with a renewed commitment to building West Virginia's economy.

The BIC membership -- which represents 26 separate industries that employ nearly 400,000 workers -- stands ready to work with our government leaders and move West Virginia forward.

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The West Virginia Business & Industry Council's membership includes trade associations and businesses from 26 separate industry classifications that represent some 400,000 workers in West Virginia. The organization works 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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