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**West Virginia Business & Industry Council Endorses
94 Candidates for 2016 General Election**

CHARLESTON, WV – The West Virginia Business & Industry Council (BIC), comprised of more than 60 West Virginia trade associations and businesses representing more than 395,000 employees, today announced its general election endorsement of 93 candidates seeking election to the state legislature, Board of Public Works and congressional races.

“All these individuals support job development, infrastructure improvement, legal fairness and fiscal responsibility – the main items West Virginia’s business community believes will move the state forward,” said BIC Chairman Chris Hamilton “They are champions of ideas to improve the state’s economy and social well-being and we hope constituents across the state will elect them as the nominees in the upcoming primary election on Tuesday, November 8.”

The full listing of general election endorsements are listed by district below.

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The West Virginia Business & Industry Council’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.

2016 General Election Endorsements

<u>Congressional Races</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>District</u>
David B. McKinley	U.S. House of Representatives	1
Alex X. Mooney	U.S. House of Representatives	2
Evan Jenkins	U.S. House of Representatives	3

<u>Board of Public Works:</u>	<u>Office</u>
Bill Cole	Governor
Kent Leonhardt	Agriculture Commissioner

John "JB" McCuskey	Auditor
Patrick Morrisey	Attorney General
Ann Urling	State Treasurer
Mac Warner	Secretary of State

State Senate

Office

District

Ryan W. Weld	State Senate	1
Mike Maroney	State Senate	2
Donna Boley	State Senate	3
Mitch B. Carmichael	State Senate	4
Robert Plymale	State Senate	5
Chandler Swope	State Senate	6
Jordan Bridges	State Senate	7
Chris Walters	State Senate	8
Sue Cline	State Senate	9
Greg Boso	State Senate	11
Roman W. Prezioso Jr.	State Senate	13
Randy E Smith	State Senate	14
Craig P. Blair	State Senate	15
Patricia Rucker	State Senate	16

House of Delegates

Office

District

Mark Zatezalo	House of Delegates	1
Robert "Chic" DiCiccio	House of Delegates	2
Scott Reed	House of Delegates	3
Erikka Storch	House of Delegates	3
David A. Evans	House of Delegates	4
Wm. Roger Romine	House of Delegates	6
Jason Harshbarger	House of Delegates	7
Bill Anderson	House of Delegates	8
Ray Hollen	House of Delegates	9
Vernon Criss	House of Delegates	10
Frank Deem	House of Delegates	10
John R. Kelly	House of Delegates	10
Martin "Rick" Atkinson	House of Delegates	11
Steve Westfall	House of Delegates	12
Joshua Higginbotham	House of Delegates	13
Jim Butler	House of Delegates	14
Geoff Foster	House of Delegates	15
Carol Miller	House of Delegates	16
C.E. "Chuck" Romine	House of Delegates	16
Matthew Rohrbach	House of Delegates	17
Kelli Sobonya	House of Delegates	18
Michael Baisden	House of Delegates	20
Zack Maynard	House of Delegates	22
Michel G. Moffatt	House of Delegates	22
Rupert "Rupie" Phillips Jr.	House of Delegates	24
Joe C. Ellington Jr.	House of Delegates	27
Marty Gearheart	House of Delegates	27
John H. Shott	House of Delegates	27
Roy G. Cooper	House of Delegates	28

John David O'Neal IV	House of Delegates	28
Greg Wood	House of Delegates	29
Lynne Arvon	House of Delegates	31
Kayla Kessinger	House of Delegates	32
Roger Hanshaw	House of Delegates	33
Moore Capito	House of Delegates	35
Charlotte R. Lane	House of Delegates	35
Eric Nelson	House of Delegates	35
Keith Pauley	House of Delegates	35
Chelsea Walker-Gaskins	House of Delegates	36
Brad White	House of Delegates	36
Thomas Goodman	House of Delegates	37
Nancy Reagan Foster	House of Delegates	38
Ron Walters	House of Delegates	39
Tim Armstead	House of Delegates	40
Jordan Hill	House of Delegates	41
George Boogie Ambler	House of Delegates	42
Bill Hartman	House of Delegates	43
Patrick Martin	House of Delegates	46
Danny Wagner	House of Delegates	47
Danny Hamrick	House of Delegates	48
Ben Queen	House of Delegates	48
Terry Waxman	House of Delegates	48
Amy Summers	House of Delegates	49
Phil Mallow	House of Delegates	50
Cindy Frich	House of Delegates	51
Roger Shuttlesworth	House of Delegates	51
Joe Statler	House of Delegates	51
Terri Funk Sypolt	House of Delegates	52
Tony Lewis	House of Delegates	53
Allen V. Evans	House of Delegates	54
Stephen Smith	House of Delegates	55
Gary G. Howell	House of Delegates	56
Ruth Rowan	House of Delegates	57
Daryl E. Cowles	House of Delegates	58
Saira Blair	House of Delegates	59
Travis Bishop	House of Delegates	61
John Overington	House of Delegates	62
Eric Lee Householder	House of Delegates	64
Jill Upson	House of Delegates	65
Paul A. Espinosa	House of Delegates	66
Riley Moore	House of Delegates	67