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## ON HEELS OF LAMB WIN IN PA, O'MALLEY'S "WIN BACK YOUR STATE" PAC ROLLS OUT 1ST ROUND OF CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENTS

## Endorsements for down-ballot Dems in CA, FL, IA, MI, MD, NV, PA

Washington, DC— Less than 48 hours after Democrat Conor Lamb pulled off a win in a congressional district President Trump won by 20 points, "Win Back Your State" PAC, the effort from former Maryland Governor and 2016 presidential candidate Martin O'Malley, announced a round of endorsements for down-ballot candidates from the state house level up to the gubernatorial level.

These Win Back Your State PAC "New Leadership" candidates will receive:

- Win Back Your State's help in recruiting, connecting with and training potential campaign staff;
- a donation of least \$1,000 from the PAC;
- promotion of their candidacy on the Win Back Your State website, email list and social media;
- Gov. O'Malley to campaign on their behalf.

"Like shoots of green sprouting up after a devastating forest fire, Democrats have been running for state and local offices all over the United States, and winning. Teachers and veterans, first-time candidates who are working hard to change America. I want to help them succeed," said O'Malley, who contends that recent Democratic upsets in deep-red states including Alabama, Montana, Kansas and Georgia are "the clearest evidence yet of America returning to its true self."

Win Back Your State launched in November 2017. In 2017, O'Malley campaigned in 21 states on behalf of state and local candidates. Prior to his run for President, O'Malley spent more than two decades working to improve

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states and localities as a local and statewide elected official, and as Chair of the Democratic Governors Association.

Win Back Your State's "Green Shoots" candidates are:

Kate Marshall, Running for NV Lieutenant Governor

Andrew Martin, Running for NV Treasurer

Tatiana Matta, Running for CA 23<sup>--</sup> Congressional District

Nate Boulton, Running for IA Governor

State Rep. Winnie Brinks, Running for MI 29<sup>--</sup> State Senate District

Calvin Ball, Running for Howard County (MD) Executive

Javier Fernandez, Running for Florida 114<sup>--</sup> State House District

Helen Tai, Running for PA 178<sup>--</sup> State House District

Last month, Win Back Your State endorsed and Gov. O'Malley campaigned for Conor Lamb, who on Wednesday morning was declared the winner in his bid for Pennsylvania's 18<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. Also in February, O'Malley personally campaigned and raised money for the campaigns of Margaret Good, whose surprise win in a Florida House District won by Trump in 2016 gave Democrats their 36th flipped state legislature seat since Trump's election as President, and Kenan Judge, running for a State Senate seat in Iowa.

In 2018, there are 36 Governors' offices and statehouses up for grabs, with redistricting to occur in 2020.

"Now is the time to win back our states and take back our country," said O'Malley.

Find out more about the endorsed candidates and Win Back Your State PAC at www.winbackyourstate.org.