

Democratic Gubernatorial Candidates Pledge to Support Eventual Nominee

All five major Democratic candidates for governor in the special election have signed a pledge together. West Virginia Democratic Party Chairman Larry Puccio announced today that these candidates all agreed to give their full public support to whoever wins the Democratic nomination.

“These five elected officials, who have played a major role in shaping the state of West Virginia with responsible government, have stepped forward to sign this significant pledge. This is further proof that the Democratic Party truly has an ‘All-Star Lineup’ with our strong field of candidates. I strongly encourage all Democrats, and independents, to get active in this campaign and support the candidate of their choice. Today’s pledge is proof that we will have a united party going into the general election.”

Jeff Kessler, John Perdue, Natalie Tennant, Rick Thompson, and Earl Ray Tomblin all signed the pledge.

The full language of the pledge is below:

I, (candidate’s name), candidate for Governor in the 2011 special primary, do hereby pledge my full public support to whoever the Democratic nominee for Governor shall be. At the same time, I am asking for that same support should I become the Democratic nominee for Governor.