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**Tomblin is the Right Choice for Economic Development  
Business & Labor Both Agree**

In the past few days Earl Ray Tomblin has secured major endorsements from the state's largest business organization and its biggest labor group. Democratic Party Chairman Larry Puccio said it's easy to understand why.

"While Earl Ray works to create more jobs and lower taxes, his right-wing opponent wants to make sure our state economy goes in reverse," Puccio said. "Bill Maloney is on record opposing the incentives necessary to help Macy's create thousands of jobs in the Eastern Panhandle. Earl Ray has created the kind of climate businesses want to be part of, but Bill Maloney would stop all of the state's progress with his out-of-touch ideas about economic development."

The West Virginia AFL-CIO and West Virginia Chamber of Commerce both endorsed Earl Ray Tomblin for governor in the past week. Puccio noted that it's those kinds of broad-based coalitions that have helped West Virginia move forward under the leadership of Tomblin, as well as Governors Joe Manchin, Bob Wise and Gaston Caperton before him.

"Earl Ray Tomblin has the track record and the experience necessary to build on the progress we've made, as we're seeing with job announcements around the state," Puccio said. "From Amazon and Alcon in Huntington to Orrick in Wheeling, Macy's in the Eastern Panhandle and major investments at The Greenbrier, we're bringing jobs to West Virginia. We need to keep Earl Ray in office, not let Bill Maloney push more jobs to other states."

Puccio noted that Maloney's former company, Shaft Drillers, took tax breaks to move to Pennsylvania – while Maloney continued to be paid by the group.

"West Virginians want someone who has their best interests at heart," Puccio said. "Not someone who's out of touch, using millions of dollars he made while giving West Virginia the shaft."

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