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WVMA Endorses Legislative, Supreme Court Candidates

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The West Virginia Manufacturers Association has endorsed a bipartisan list of 70 candidates for legislative office and made endorsements in races for the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals.

Regarding the legislative races, the mix of incumbents and new candidate endorsements represents those whose political philosophy is aligned with the best interests of West Virginia’s manufacturers, said WVMA President Rebecca McPhail.

“Regardless of party affiliation, our endorsements reflect the results detailed in our AssembleWV legislative scorecard and how candidates responded to our survey,” McPhail explained. “WVMA members have unique policy needs that are not always the same as other segments of the business community. I encourage candidates to reach out to us for a conversation about our needs regardless of whether they earned our endorsement.”

AssembleWV, a political advocacy organization affiliated with the West Virginia Manufacturers Association (WVMA), [scored members of the 83rd](#) Legislature for their actions on several pieces of legislation during the 2017 and 2018 legislative sessions.

As the [scorecard](#) explains, the bills used to measure legislator performance were weighted based on their importance to manufacturers, regardless of whether the bills passed. Scores ranged from 100 percent down to 17.6 percent. All lawmakers can access the scorecard and are encouraged to contact the WVMA with questions.

For the Supreme Court endorsements, the WVMA endorsed candidates its members believe will be most faithful to the West Virginia Constitution, will avoid judicial activism and will restore integrity and public trust in the state’s highest court, McPhail said.

WVMA 2018 General Election Endorsements

West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals

Tim Armstead — Division 1
Evan Jenkins — Division 2

West Virginia Legislature

Name	Party	County	Race	District
Ryan Ferns	Republican	Ohio	State Senate	1
Charles Clements	Republican	Wetzel	State Senate	2
Mike Azinger	Republican	Wood	State Senate	3
Eric J. Tarr	Republican	Putnam	State Senate	4
Mike Woelfel	Democrat	Cabell	State Senate	5
Mark R. Maynard	Republican	Wayne	State Senate	6
Ed Gaunch	Republican	Kanawha	State Senate	8
Rollan A. Roberts	Republican	Raleigh	State Senate	9
George Boogie Ambler	Republican	Greenbrier	State Senate	10
Waymond Cork II	Republican	Harrison	State Senate	12
Mike Oliverio	Republican	Monongalia	State Senate	13
Dave Sypolt	Republican	Preston	State Senate	14
Charles S Trump IV	Republican	Morgan	State Senate	15
Michael Craig Folk	Republican	Berkeley	State Senate	16
Tom Takubo	Republican	Kanawha	State Senate	17
Mark Zatezalo	Republican	Hancock	House of Delegates	1
Dalton Haas	Republican	Ohio	House of Delegates	3
Erikka Storch	Republican	Ohio	House of Delegates	3
David L. Kelly	Republican	Tyler	House of Delegates	6
Jason S. Harshbarger	Republican	Ritchie	House of Delegates	7
Bill Anderson	Republican	Wood	House of Delegates	8
Ray Hollen	Republican	Wirt	House of Delegates	9
Vernon Criss	Republican	Wood	House of Delegates	10
Frank Deem	Republican	Wood	House of Delegates	10
John R. Kelly	Republican	Wood	House of Delegates	10
Martin "Rick" Atkinson III	Republican	Roane	House of Delegates	11
Steve Westfall	Republican	Jackson	House of Delegates	12
Scott Cadle	Republican	Mason	House of Delegates	13
Joshua Kurt Higginbotham	Republican	Putnam	House of Delegates	13
Jim Butler	Republican	Mason	House of Delegates	14
Geoff Foster	Republican	Putnam	House of Delegates	15
Daniel Linville	Republican	Cabell	House of Delegates	16
John F. Mandt Jr.	Republican	Cabell	House of Delegates	16
Evan Worrell	Republican	Cabell	House of Delegates	18
Joseph "Joe" Jeffries	Republican	Putnam	House of Delegates	22
Zack Maynard	Republican	Lincoln	House of Delegates	22
David Cox	Republican	McDowell	House of Delegates	26
Joe C. Ellington Jr.	Republican	Mercer	House of Delegates	27
John H. Shott	Republican	Mercer	House of Delegates	27
Eric Porterfield	Republican	Mercer	House of Delegates	27
Roy G Cooper	Republican	Summers	House of Delegates	28
Jeffrey Pack	Republican	Raleigh	House of Delegates	28
Brandon Steele	Republican	Raleigh	House of Delegates	29
Richard "Rick" Snuffer II	Democrat	Raleigh	House of Delegates	31

Tom Fast	Republican	Fayette	House of Delegates	32
Roger Hanshaw	Republican	Clay	House of Delegates	33
Andrew D. Byrd	Democrat	Kanawha	House of Delegates	35
Moore Capito	Republican	Kanawha	House of Delegates	35
Charlotte R. Lane	Republican	Kanawha	House of Delegates	35
Eric Nelson	Republican	Kanawha	House of Delegates	35
Chris Pritt	Republican	Kanawha	House of Delegates	36
Patrick S. Martin	Republican	Lewis	House of Delegates	46
Danny Hamrick	Republican	Harrison	House of Delegates	48
Ben Queen	Republican	Harrison	House of Delegates	48
Amy Summers	Republican	Taylor	House of Delegates	49
Guy Ward	Republican	Marion	House of Delegates	50
Cindy Frich	Republican	Monongalia	House of Delegates	51
Roger Shuttlesworth	Republican	Monongalia	House of Delegates	51
Joe Statler	Republican	Monongalia	House of Delegates	51
Debbie Warner	Republican	Monongalia	House of Delegates	51
Terri Funk Sypolt	Republican	Preston	House of Delegates	52
D.R. "Buck" Jennings	Republican	Preston	House of Delegates	53
Gary G. Howell	Republican	Mineral	House of Delegates	56
Ruth Rowan	Republican	Hampshire	House of Delegates	57
Daryl E. Cowles	Republican	Morgan	House of Delegates	58
S. Marshall Wilson	Republican	Berkeley	House of Delegates	60
Tom Bibby	Republican	Berkeley	House of Delegates	62
Eric Lee Householder	Republican	Berkeley	House of Delegates	64
Jill Upson	Republican	Jefferson	House of Delegates	65
Paul Espinosa	Republican	Jefferson	House of Delegates	66

The WVMA is comprised of more than 175 companies representing a broad range of manufacturing sectors including chemical, food grade, hardwood, steel and automotive manufacturing. The manufacturing industry employees more than 47,000 West Virginians at competitive wage levels, accounting for nearly 10 percent of the state's total output.

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About WVMA: The WVMA is a trade association dedicated to supporting the interests of manufacturing in West Virginia. Since 1915, the WVMA has represented the quality and diversity of manufacturing in the Mountain State through policy/advocacy efforts, a focus on workforce development, and providing a strong network for West Virginia's manufacturers. Learn more at www.wvma.com.

About AssembleWV: At AssembleWV, we believe everyone should have a say in government policies that affect their livelihood. AssembleWV's charge is to inform the manufacturing industry when issues critical to our well-being are debated at the capitol and how to take action. Learn more at www.assemblewv.com.