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Virginia League of Conservation Voters Endorses in Democratic Primary *CONSERVATION GROUP ENDORSES McAULIFFE*

Richmond, VA. The Board of Directors of the Virginia League of Conservation Voters has endorsed Terry McAuliffe in the Democratic primary on June 9.

In accordance with the organization's endorsement policy, each of the three candidates completed a comprehensive policy questionnaire and participated in a personal interview to share their views on Virginia's environment, land use and transportation, and a new energy economy. A vote to endorse requires a 2/3 vote of the Board.

Board Chairman John Jaske of Rapidan stated "Mr. Moran and Senator Deeds have been, and we believe will continue to be, champions of environmental causes for the Commonwealth of Virginia and we look forward to supporting them in the future. However, we believe that Mr. McAuliffe possesses the necessary qualities to lead as Governor of Virginia on conservation and environmental issues so critical at this time."

"We feel that the dynamics of government in Virginia need to change dramatically in order to safeguard our environment; our Board is convinced that Terry McAuliffe has the broad vision and the contacts and requisite skills to meet challenges directly" said Executive Director Lisa Guthrie. "McAuliffe has a clear and complete understanding of the interconnections between land use, transportation, and energy generation and transmission" she continued.

Terry McAuliffe's top conservation priorities include:

1. Investing in renewable energy sources and efficiency measures to do right by the environment and to create jobs including building a wind farm off Virginia's coast
2. Promoting better land use, land preservation, and smart growth policies
3. Protecting the Bay for future generations

The Virginia League of Conservation Voters is the statewide nonpartisan political voice of Virginia's conservation community, and dedicated to supporting candidates who promote resource conservation, balanced growth, and clean and renewable energy. More information about VALCV's endorsement process or endorsed candidates can be found at www.conservationmajorityva.org

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