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Citizen Group Endorsements Cover All Three WV Political Parties

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(Charleston WV), The WV Citizen Action Group (www.wvcag.org), a state-wide consumer protection and government watchdog organization, released its endorsements for the November elections this week. Its mostly Democratic list also included candidates of the Republican and Mountain Parties. “We are a values and issues based organization that looks at the individual candidate - not his or her party affiliation,” commented Director Norm Steenstra. “Candidates on our list are the ones we feel will do the best job representing the interests of citizens over special interests and of promoting a more open democratic state government,” Steenstra added.

The consumer group has weighed in on several high-profile races of both state and national significance. In the Congressional race between Capito and Humphries it sides with the Democratic candidate. “Humphreys’ positions on fundamental issues such as workers’ rights, environment, and fair taxation won our support,” commented Steenstra. “The defeat of Shelly Moore Capito has national implications and should be the priority of every West Virginian who cares about the environment, working people, and seniors.”

In the open 10th District State Senate seat (Monroe, Greenbrier, Summers, and parts of Mercer & Fayette) Citizen Action has endorsed Delegate Mary Pearl Compton who has served 14 years in the House of Delegates. “Compton is a no-nonsense champion of the ‘little guy’ that will stand up to the good ol’ boys in the Senate to promote legislation benefiting the average West Virginian,” said Steenstra.

The Mountain Party has nominated several credible candidates and the Citizen Action board enthusiastically endorses them. Kit Patten, Mountain Party candidate for the 15th Senate District (Pocahontas, Randolph, Pendleton, Hampshire, Hardy, Morgan and parts of Upshur, Berkeley and Grant), is challenging the long-time Democratic incumbent. Another eastern panhandle race in the 55th Delegate District (Berkley) pits Mountain Party Candidate Vince George against the incumbent Republican. Both are two-candidate races. Other Mountain Party endorsements included Barbara Tutor in 51st, Bob Henry Barber in 36th, and Donna Halstead in the 19th Delegate districts.

WV Citizen Action has a 28-year history of activism on consumer protection, fair taxation, open government, and environmental issues.

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West Virginia Citizen Action Group Candidate Endorsements
General Election 2002

WV State Senate

- 3rd **Jim Ball** (D) – Wood, Wirt, Pleasants
7th **Tracy Dempsey** (D) - Lincoln, Boone, Logan, Wayne (part)
8th **John Mitchell** (D) - Kanawha
9th **Bill Wooton** (D) – Raleigh, Wyoming (most)
10th **Mary Pearl Compton** (D) – Monroe, Greenbrier, Summers, Mercer (part), Fayette(part)
11th **Randy White** (D) – Clay, Nicholas, Webster, Fayette (part), Upshur (part)
15th **Kit Patten** (M) – Pocahontas, Randolph, Pendleton, Hampshire, Hardy, Morgan and parts of Upshur, Berkeley and Grant
16th **John Unger** (D) - Jefferson, Berkeley (part)
17th **Brooks McCabe** (D) – Kanawha

House of Delegates

- 3rd **Tal Hutchins** (D) – Ohio (part)
7th **Paul Janes** (D) - Pleasants, Ritchie
10th **John Beary** (D) – Wood (part)
11th **William Groves** (D) - Roane
12th **Carol Jett** (D) – Jackson (part)
13th **Brady Paxton** (D), **Dale Martin** (D) – Mason (part), Jackson (part), Putnam (part)
16th **Susan Hubbard** (D), **Karen Nance** (D), **Dale Stephens** (D) – Cabell (part)
17th **Don Perdue** (D) – Wayne (most)
18th **Richard Thompson** (D) – Wayne
19th **Lidella Hrutkay** (D), **Donna Halstead** (M) - Logan, Lincoln (most), Boone (part), Putnam (part)
25th **Mark Wills** (D) – Mercer (part)
27th **Virginia Mahan** (D), **Warren McGraw II** (D), **Sally Susman** (D) – Raleigh, Summers (part)
30th **Bonnie Brown**(D), **Bobbie Hatfield**(D), **Ray Keener**(D), **Sharon Spencer**(D), **Priscilla Hayden**(R) – Kanawha (south)
31st **Carrie Webster** (D) – Kanawha (Charleston)
34th **Brent Boggs** (D) – Braxton, Gilmer (part)
36th **Bob Henry Baber** (M) – Webster, Nicholas
40th **Mary Polling** (D) - Barbour, Upshur (part)
41st **Ron Fragale** (D) – Harrison, Marion (teany-weany piece)
43rd **Mike Caputo**(D), **AJ Manchin**(D) – Marion, Monongalia (part)
44th **Gene Claypole**(D), **Barbara Fleischauer**(D), **Nancy Houston**(D), **Cindy Frich** (R) - Monongalia(part)
51nd **Barbara Tutor** (M) – Morgan, Hampshire
54th **Dale Buck** (D) – Berkley (part)
55th **Vince George** (M) – Berkeley (part)
57th **Dale Manuel** (D) – Jefferson (part)

2nd Congressional District **Jim Humphreys** (D)
3rd Congressional District **Nick Joe Rahall** (D)
U.S. Senate **Jay Rockefeller** (D)

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