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County Executive David R. Craig Endorsed by Former Republican Nominee for MD Governor Ambassador Ellen Sauerbrey and MD Republican Leader Larry Hogan

Havre de Grace, MD, March 7, 2010--- Former Republican Nominee for Maryland Governor, and Bush Administration Official Ambassador Ellen Sauerbrey and past Maryland Cabinet Secretary Larry Hogan announced their endorsements for County Executive David R. Craig and his leadership of Harford County. Supporters gathered at the Bayou Restaurant to offer their encouragement and support to Craig, as he seeks his second term.

Sauerbrey offered her support and praise of the County Executive stating that she had worked with him in the Maryland legislature where David fought for the core values Republicans stand for. "He has a solid record as a Conservative Republican and his leadership as County Executive shows the same commitment to those core values. David Craig was a Republican long before Republicans had any promise of holding office in Harford County", said Ambassador Sauerbrey.

"Having concluded a state-wide tour, I can say that Harford County has enjoyed good stable leadership with David Craig at the helm", stated former Ehrlich Cabinet Secretary Larry Hogan, Jr. "He is fully aware of the daily challenges facing the residents of Harford County, and as a small businessman, I can also tell you that he has worked hard to keep Harford County's economy on track by creating a fertile ground for growing businesses and jobs." Hogan added.

Craig expressed his appreciation for Sauerbrey and Hogan's support. He also recognized both Sauerbrey and Hogan as outstanding professionals who have earned statewide respect for their years of strong Republican leadership in Maryland. "I am proud to have their support for this campaign. I feel I've been blessed to serve as County Executive for the County my family has called home for eight generations. "Together, we have accomplished important goals," said Craig. "We are at a critical moment in this county's history. Steady and experienced leadership is what is needed to get us through these very extraordinary times."

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Craig has fought to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Harford County by reducing taxes, preparing the county's economy for jobs, protecting the county's rural heritage, improving educational opportunities for our children by modernizing libraries, and ending overcrowding in schools.

"We continue to focus on efficiency in government, economic opportunity, spending the tax dollars wisely, preserving our rural heritage, providing safe communities and having great schools. We saw what changes for change's sake has done at the national level – locally, we need to have someone as County Executive who understands the issues confronting us and who has the vision to create solutions. That is why I am running for a second term as your County Executive." said Craig. "Thank you all who attend this 20th annual breakfast." Craig added.

Mrs. Sauerbrey has dedicated over 30 years of her life as a public servant. A teacher before entering politics, she served for 16 years in the Maryland House of Delegates (1978-94) where her impressive skills were recognized by her colleagues when they elected her as their minority leader. Mrs. Sauerbrey was the 1994 and 1998 Republican nominee for Governor of Maryland. In 2002, President Bush nominated Sauerbrey to be Representative to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. From 2006-2008, Sauerbrey served as the Assistant Secretary of State for Population, Refugees, and Migration.

Larry Hogan is a lifelong Marylander who loves this great state. He is a successful small businessman and former Maryland Cabinet Secretary, who has spent his entire life fighting for Maryland as a civic leader and a grassroots reformer. He recently conducted a statewide listening tour where he considered a run for Governor in 2010. The tour concluded with Hogan urging Former Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. to run.

David R. Craig has served as Harford County Executive since July 2005. For more information, please visit www.davidcraig.com or contact P.J. Overbay, 410-838-1739/443-528-0366.

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