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Hazleton Mayor Lou Barletta Endorses Attorney General Tom Corbett for Governor

Hazleton, PA – Today, Hazleton Mayor Lou Barletta announced his endorsement of Pennsylvania Attorney General Tom Corbett to be the next Governor of Pennsylvania.

“It is with great enthusiasm that I endorse my friend and our Attorney General Tom Corbett for Governor. I pledge my support to his effort and look forward to being on the ticket with him this year.

“Tom Corbett has been relentless fighting corruption and protecting taxpayers’ money whether it happens in the boardrooms of corporations or the backrooms of Harrisburg. I have seen firsthand the work Tom and his office has done going after gangs, drug dealers and other criminal elements. His work taking on predatory lenders, big oil, drug companies, and organized crime has resulted in over half a billion dollars to the taxpayers.

“Tom Corbett agrees with me that the special interests and backroom deals in Harrisburg and Washington, DC must be stopped. I was so proud of Tom when he filed an objection on behalf of Pennsylvania taxpayers in order to stop the unethical and unfair actions relating to the midnight healthcare deal between the Administration and the Senate, which gave the taxpayers of Nebraska unequal treatment at the expense of Pennsylvania taxpayers.

“He has made a strong commitment to end the out-of-control spending by Harrisburg. This includes immediately cutting 10 to 20 percent of the 17,000 state cars, reforming the WAMS program, and performance based budgeting...if a program can’t prove it is working, it’s time to get rid of it.

“Tom Corbett has a wide range of experience and deep Pennsylvania roots that will help him be an effective Governor. In addition to his reputation as a crime fighter, he’s also helped run a small business, was a 9th grade teacher, and served in the Pennsylvania National Guard for 13 years.

“Tom has the right ideas for restarting PA’s economy. He also understands that thanks to the resources we are blessed with, such as coal and natural gas, we can make PA an energy supplier to the rest of the county and even the rest of the world. This will help ensure good paying jobs for generations to come.”

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