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VCEA Endorses Delegate Todd Pillion (R-4th District) for State Senate in the 40th District

The Virginia Coal & Energy Alliance ("VCEA") announced today its endorsement for the candidacy of Delegate Todd Pillion (R-4th District) for State Senate of the 40th District.

In doing so, the VCEA wishes to express its sincere thanks and gratitude for the selfless leadership and service of retiring State Senator Bill Carrico.



In endorsing Todd Pillion, the VCEA recognized his strong leadership and support of Virginia's coal and energy producing companies, as well as Todd's commitment to the economic development of Southwest Virginia. "Todd's support and work on legislation to extend the coal tax credit for metallurgical coal will be a tremendous benefit to our industry and the entire economy of Virginia," said Virginia Coal and Energy Alliance President Harry Childress. In addition, "Todd's guiding principles of working to foster economic development, support for our families and confronting crisis, like the opioid epidemic, is of vital importance to our region," noted Childress.

The VCEA also noted Todd's strong leadership in support of Virginia's tax relief plan as well as a balanced and responsible budget while opposing legislation that would place burdens on Virginia companies to create jobs. "Todd's support of a responsible and balanced budget that makes key investments in core functions of government, such as education, without relying on tax increases, is of vital importance to our members and the growth of our region," said VCEA Chairman, J. P. Richardson. "Having known Todd for many years and seen firsthand his passion and tireless work for Southwest Virginia, the VCEA's Board unanimously voted to endorse his candidacy for State Senate in the 40th District," stated Richardson.

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