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## **Hogan: It's Bi-partisan!** *O'Malley must end spending spree*

Annapolis – Legislators from both sides of the aisle on the Spending Affordability Committee met until late last night to discuss budget parameters for next year. The result of the meeting was a recommendation that the Governor submit a zero growth budget for next year.

“This isn't a partisan issue. When it comes to our state economy and balancing the state budget, Republicans and Democrats can agree that the state should live within its means and keep its promises,” said Hogan. “I congratulate the legislators on both sides of the aisle who are beginning to stand up and responsibly lead. That’s something Martin O'Malley has refused to do. Instead, O’Malley has increased state spending by more than a billion dollars each year. The budget is \$3.3 billion higher than when he took office.”

The Spending Affordability Committees recommendations are non-binding and meant more as a guidance for the Governor as he develops next year's budget. Last year, O'Malley increased spending nearly by triple of what the committee had recommended<sup>1</sup>.

“Listening to Martin O'Malley over the last couple of months, I suspect that he will once again ignore the bi-partisan recommendations of this committee and continue his irresponsible spending spree and record of broken promises,” charged Hogan. “Marylanders deserve better. It's time for a change.”

Larry Hogan has emerged as the leading challenger to O'Malley. He is a small business owner in Anne Arundel County who served in the Ehrlich Cabinet.

In his last run for office Hogan nearly defeated the House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer in what Hoyer called the toughest race of his entire political career.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://dbm.maryland.gov/agencies/operbudget/Documents/2010/FY2010BudgetHighlights\\_orig.pdf](http://dbm.maryland.gov/agencies/operbudget/Documents/2010/FY2010BudgetHighlights_orig.pdf)