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Hogan: Still No Solutions from O'Malley *Maryland Needs a Work Horse Not A Show-Pony*

Annapolis – Martin O'Malley's latest stunt designed to mask his failed record on jobs and small business, elicited a strong response from Larry Hogan.

“First, O'Malley takes no action to help businesses and working families for three years. Rather, he forced through the largest tax hikes in the state's history which included higher taxes on business and hard working families. Now, people are suffering; families are struggling; and small businesses all over the state are leaving for greener pastures or shutting down all together,” said Hogan. “No press conference, token commission, or campaign stunt is going to solve the problems he's caused.”

“Instead of displaying real leadership, he's decided to fit some traveling sideshows into his busy rock band schedule to show businesses how to get a handout from the government,” said Hogan. “Here's a real solution for Governor O'Malley, roll back some of the crippling regulations he has placed on businesses in Maryland, and repeal the largest tax increases in history on the eve of the worst recession in 25 years.”

“O'Malley has shown a painful lack of seriousness when it comes to being our governor. We don't need a governor jetting around the country and embarking on a rock tour around the state. Marylanders deserve a work horse, not a show-pony,” Hogan concluded.

In the last three months, Martin O'Malley hosted a \$4,000 per plate fund raiser at the Miami Meat Market and appeared on HBO's Bill Maher show. Earlier this year, O'Malley's rock band, O'Malley's March, released a new album.

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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