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Larry Hogan Ratchets Up Effort In First Speech

Larry Hogan was the keynote speaker at the Howard County Republican Club in Ellicott City tonight. Hogan came out swinging against Martin O'Malley and his record of high unemployment, record tax increases, and broken promises.

"I'm completely fed up with politics as usual in Annapolis. We simply cannot afford four more years of it," Hogan said. "We cannot just sit back and do nothing. The time has come for us to stand up together and fight back for a change."

"I believe very strongly that someone needs to step up to this challenge because the people of Maryland deserve to have a strong clear choice for a change."

"By any measure, Maryland is far worse off than ever before," said Hogan. "People are suffering, families are struggling and small businesses are either leaving the state for friendlier pastures or shutting down all together. Sadly, O'Malley has been the most anti-business, anti-jobs governor we've ever had. Governor O'Malley's failed record of lost jobs, increased spending record tax increases and broken promises is unacceptable. Marylanders deserve better."

"I know what it's like living in the real world, what it's like to struggle to meet a payroll and to watch every penny to balance a budget," Hogan continued. "I think that kind of leadership is what we are lacking in Annapolis. We need competent people with common sense, who won't play politics and aren't afraid to make the tough decisions."

"I understand this is a seemingly impossible challenge, but the last time the party asked me to run it was even more of an uphill battle against a much more powerful opponent than Martin O'Malley." (Hogan Nearly defeated House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer).

"This election isn't about Republicans vs. Democrats and it's bigger than any one person. It's about all of us, it's about Maryland's Future. And it is a fight worth fighting," concluded Hogan.

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