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Record Maryland Job Losses Continue, Hogan Responds

The Bureau of Labor Statistics released the December jobs numbers for Maryland today. Another 4,100 people were added to Maryland's unemployment lines last month. Larry Hogan who has emerged as the leading potential challenger for Governor made the following statement:

“These aren't just numbers. These are real people. They are fathers and mothers just struggling to make ends meet, put a roof over their family's head, food on the table, and a coat on their kids backs. It's real people like my youngest daughter Julie and 300 of her fellow coworkers who were laid-off by a Baltimore company just last week.

O'Malley officials revealed this week that they need to borrow another \$300 million from the federal taxpayers in order to prop up the Maryland Unemployment Insurance Fund. They admitted that 'this is necessary because of the unprecedented joblessness Maryland has experienced since 2007', meaning since O'Malley has been Governor.

The incumbent Governor recently has begun to say he cares about jobs, jobs, jobs, at several press conferences and photo ops. After today, I am sure he will throw together a press conference, or appoint another commission to study how to create more government jobs. But, no last minute campaign stunt can change the undeniable fact that this anti-business Governor has lost more jobs than any other in Maryland history.

It is time for a change. It is time we had a Governor who understood that it is the private sector that creates jobs and leads us into economic recovery – not more government. Marylanders are looking for a leader who will take action immediately to stimulate our economy and encourage businesses to start hiring again. The people of Maryland deserve better.”

Larry Hogan is the founder and owner of several small businesses in Maryland. He has emerged as the leading threat to O'Malley and has more cash on hand in his campaign account than any potential gubernatorial challenger from either party.

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