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Sierra Club endorses Mary Burke for Governor

Madison: The Sierra Club announced today it has endorsed Mary Burke for Governor of Wisconsin.

“Mary Burke is the environmental champion Wisconsin needs to lead our state,” said Shahla Werner, PhD., Sierra Club - John Muir Chapter Director. “She has earned our endorsement because she shares our goals of protecting our precious natural resources, public health, and sustainable economic development. Mary is committed to protecting Wisconsin's fragile land and water resources from destructive mines and other risky developments,” added Werner.

“Mary's real-world private sector experience shows that she knows how to grow our economy without sacrificing our future, and that's why we're supporting her run for Wisconsin.” said Jim Kerler, Sierra Club - John Muir Chapter Chair. Mary is a longtime Sierra Club member, and voters can count on her to restore Wisconsin to its former place as a leader on economic and environmental policies,” added Kerler.

The Sierra Club endorsed Mary Burke due to her stances on key environmental and conservation issues including:

- **Clean Energy:** Burke will work to improve our economy and environment by supporting clean and renewable energy sources and industries, including wind, solar, water and biomass.
- **Clean Transportation:** Burke supports expanding cleaner, safer transportation choices, including rail, mass transit, walking, and bicycling. She understands that expanding clean transportation options will create Wisconsin jobs; connect people to businesses, schools, and jobs; and reduce air pollution and fossil fuel emissions linked to climate change.
- **Iron Mining:** Burke supports repeal of 2013 Act 1, which gutted environmental law for Gogebic Taconite for its destructive open pit mine proposal in the Bad River watershed of Lake Superior.
- **Sand Mining:** Burke supports preserving local control needed to reduce the destructive impacts of the frac sand mining boom in western Wisconsin.
- **Public Trust Doctrine:** Burke keenly understands that Wisconsin's economy depends on upholding the Public Trust Doctrine which recognizes that the waters of the state belong to everyone and not to special interests determined to pollute them.

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“The past four years have been marred by Scott Walker's relentless attacks on Wisconsin's bipartisan tradition of stewardship, science-based natural resource management, and local citizen rights.” Dave Blouin, Sierra Club - John Muir Chapter Political Chair. “Scott Walker’s policies and votes are proof he consistently favors special interest polluters at the expense of ordinary citizens,” added Blouin.

Burke earned the Sierra Club’s endorsement by virtue of her public service and her environmental platforms. Sierra Club-endorsed candidates are those judged to be the best advocates for Wisconsin’s clean air, clean water, and special places.

The Sierra Club will mobilize members in 2014 to support endorsed candidates with demonstrated pro-environmental records and platforms. The Sierra Club is the nation’s largest and oldest grassroots environmental organization. The John Muir Chapter of the Sierra Club has more than 15,000 members and supporters in Wisconsin.

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