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**Joseline Peña-Melnyk Endorsed by Environmental Leader Sierra Club**

**LAUREL, MD** – Today, Delegate Joseline Peña-Melnyk, candidate for Congress in Maryland's 4th district, received the endorsement from the Sierra Club, a leading national environmental group.

*"Delegate Joseline Peña-Melnyk has been a staunch supporter of environmental legislation and has worked closely with the environmental community in the State Legislature where she represents State District 21." Said Betsy Johnson, Political Chair of the Maryland Sierra Club. "She has proven herself to be a fierce fighter for our issues. We know she will be a great representative for District 4."*

*"For over one hundred and twenty years the Sierra Club has fought to preserve our nation's precious natural resources, ensure clean air and water for generations to come, and push our society toward clean energy," said Joseline Pena-Melnyk. "These are priorities I have fought for in the Maryland Assembly and will continue to fight for in Congress."*

Throughout her tenure in the Maryland Assembly, Delegate Joseline Peña-Melnyk has been a sustained and vocal advocate for environmental issues. She is particularly well-known for her staunch resistance to hydraulic fracturing, proudly co-sponsoring bills in 2015 that put a moratorium on fracking in Maryland until 2017. Delegate Peña-Melnyk has passed legislation that strengthens the state's smart growth laws, preserves green spaces, and promotes bicycle lanes in highway planning. She also worked to reduce fertilizer and storm water pollution of the Chesapeake Bay and supported the Clean Cars Act of 2007 to reduce auto emissions.

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