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**Endorsement Says Peña-Melnyk will be Key Voice
for International Security in Congress**

LAUREL, MD – *'More women in politics can change politics,'* – that's the premise behind Women's Action for New Directions (WAND, Inc.) who work to empower women to act politically to reduce violence and militarism and direct spending toward unmet human and environmental needs. Today, WAND endorsed Joseline Peña-Melnyk for Congress.

"I've been a part of WAND's outreach to women in the past," said Peña-Melnyk. *"I stood shoulder to shoulder with women leaders from Egypt, Morocco, Afghanistan, and Pakistan who work in some of the most difficult circumstances worldwide. I admire their courage and am honored to be on their team. WAND's work is essential for international peace and security and I'm grateful for their endorsement."*

Peña-Melnyk strongly supports President Obama's 2011 Executive Order outlining a U.S. National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security. The plan seeks to foster women's rights, leadership, and participation in all aspects of peace-building, conflict prevention, and decision-making in matters of peace and security.

"Joseline will make a great Congresswoman," said WAND's executive director Susan Shaer. *"We know that she will champion women's leadership that is so essential to build peace and prosperity in Maryland, the United States, and around the globe."*

Joseline Peña-Melnyk is running an energetic campaign to represent the people of Maryland's 4th District, which includes large parts of Prince George's and Anne Arundel Counties. Leading progressive groups have recognized her with endorsements, including EMILY's List, the Sierra Club, Democracy for America and the Progressive Change Campaign Committee.

Learn more at joselinepenamelnyk.com.

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