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**Pro-Choice Group EMILY's List Endorses Joseline Peña-Melnyk for Congress**

**LAUREL, MD** – The nation's largest resource for women in politics, EMILY's List, announced their endorsement of Joseline Peña-Melnyk for Congress to represent Maryland's 4th District. Since its founding in 1985, EMILY's List has raised over \$400 million to help elect pro-choice Democratic women up and down the ballot and has helped elect every single Latina, African-American, and Asian-American Democratic congresswoman currently serving.

*"I am honored and excited to receive an endorsement by EMILY's List and to join the ranks of fellow women leaders like Barbara Mikulski who have fought for progressive change and greater opportunity for all women and families across the country," said Peña-Melnyk.*

*"EMILY's List is a great example of empowerment in action. For decades they have fought to change the face of leadership in politics across the country, and I would be honored to serve as the first Latina to ever be elected to Congress from Maryland."*

*"As a first-generation American and the first in her family to earn a college degree, Joseline Peña-Melnyk fights tirelessly for Maryland women and families to have a fair shot," said Stephanie Schriock, president of EMILY's List. "Joseline served as an advocate for neglected and abused children as well as a prosecutor in Eric Holder's United States Attorney's Office. As an effective legislator in the Maryland House of Delegates, she has successfully fought to strengthen equal pay laws, expand women's access to health care, and increase educational and job opportunities for all Marylanders. Joseline Peña-Melnyk is a champion for Maryland women and families, and the EMILY's List community is proud to endorse her campaign for Congress."*

EMILY's List has a long history in Maryland. Senator Barbara Mikulski was one of EMILY's List's first two endorsed candidates and she became the first Democratic woman ever elected to the United States Senate in her own right in 1986.

The EMILY's List endorsement builds upon Peña-Melnyk's continued momentum going into 2016. In a crowded field, Peña-Melnyk has outpaced many of her opponents in fundraising and major endorsements. If elected, she will be the first Latina to serve in the Maryland federal delegation.

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**Paid for by Joseline Peña-Melnyk for Congress**  
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