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NWPC-VA Endorses Andria McClellan as the Democratic Nominee for Lt. Governor of Virginia

The National Women's Political Caucus of Virginia has endorsed Norfolk City Council Member Andria McClellan as the Democratic nominee, ahead of the June 8th Democratic primaries.

After a thorough application process and interview with a three-person interview team, the organization determined that McClellan best exemplified the mission and goals of NWPC-VA as stated in its charter: to protect women's rights to safe, reproductive freedom, to increase women's participation in the political process; increase the number of women in elected and appointed positions; support candidates who will prioritize women's issues and who will employ women in decision-making roles in their campaign and office staffs; work for the repeal of discriminatory laws, especially laws that discriminate on the basis of gender; draft and support legislation that complies with the principles of human equality and that concerns the needs of women.

[possible Krysta quote here--e.g. Of the endorsement President Krysta Jones stated...]

The NWPC is the only national organization dedicated exclusively to increasing women's participation in all areas of political and public life. The NWPC has a significant history in this country, dating back to its founding in 1971 at the organizing conference of the National Women's Political Conference in Washington, D.C. NWPC-VA is proud to continue this tradition in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

During Senator McClellan's combined fifteen years in office, serving first in the House of Delegates and then the Senate, she has made the needs of Virginia and families a focal point. During the 2021 General Assembly session alone, she sponsored or co-sponsored 25 bills focused on making life easier and more equitable for women and families, including the Virginia Human Rights Act and the Housing Bill of Rights. Senator McClellan has also been an indefatigable champion for access to quality reproductive health throughout her career. The

Reproductive Health Protection Act, sponsored by Senator McClellan, was signed into law by Governor Northam in 2020. The law repeals Virginia's mandatory ultrasound law and 24-hour waiting period prior to abortion. The legislation also rolls back politically motivated "TRAP" restrictions on women's health centers, which are designed to force their closure and make it more difficult for Virginians to get access to the healthcare services. As McClellan said at the time of the bill signing, "We need to remove barriers to access. I started [this] work with the Reproductive Health Protection Act. I'll keep going as governor."

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Senator McClellan states on her website, "It's time to finally shatter the glass ceiling that has kept a woman out of the Governor's mansion for 402 years."

NWPC-VA is excited to endorse Senator McClellan, who will be a true leader and champion for all Virginians.

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