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Prince George's County Executive Candidate Gerron Levi Named Legislator of the Year by Maryland State's Attorneys' Association

(Ocean City, MD, June 23, 2010) – Maryland Delegate and Prince George's County Executive Candidate Gerron Levi today received the Legislator of the Year award from the Maryland State's Attorneys' Association. The group praised Delegate Levi for introducing legislation enacted this year that closes gaps in the prosecution of gangs in the region.

"I'm extremely honored to receive this recognition from some of the leading crime fighters in the state," said Delegate Levi. "This award acknowledges my track record as an elected official in taking both a tough and fair position on crime. As Prince George's County Executive, I would adopt smart policies to reduce gang violence and the crime rate in the County."

Earlier this year, the General Assembly passed and Governor Martin O'Malley signed the Maryland Gang Prosecution Act of 2010 (SB 517/HB 756) which strengthens the state's existing gang prosecution law passed in 2007 by mandating longer sentences for underlying crimes committed to strengthen criminal gangs. It also enacts a gang kingpin statute, requiring longer sentences for organizing, supervising, financing or managing a criminal gang.

"Witness intimidation, assaults, burglaries and thefts are just a few examples of crimes committed by gangs in our communities. Prosecutors needed additional tools to combat gangs and their members that commit crimes for a criminal gang." Delegate Levi said.

The Eastern Region of the U.S., which includes Maryland, has seen a 20% surge in gang activity since 2004. "It is our job as lawmakers, law enforcement, prosecutors and, perhaps most importantly, as parents, families and community members, to take that threat seriously. We cannot allow gang recruitment efforts to succeed and engulf our communities in a new round of violence."

For more information on the campaign visit: www.votelevi.com. Delegate Levi is available for interviews at: 301-801-6121.

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