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### **Cathy Spahr endorsed by Statewide LGBTQ Organization, Equality Pennsylvania**

Upper Chichester, PA – Equality Pennsylvania, the Commonwealth’s leading LGBTQ advocacy organization has endorsed Cathy Spahr for State Representative in Pennsylvania’s 160<sup>th</sup> Legislative district.

"I am very honored to have received the endorsement of Equality PA," said Spahr. "The LGBTQ community has been under attack for far too long. To the LGBTQ community: I will fight for you and with you. It's time to bring equality to Pennsylvania."

Pennsylvania remains the only state in the Northeastern United States to permit discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations for LGBTQ individuals and families.

"I am ready and more than willing to fight for equal rights for the LGBTQ community," said Spahr. "We took a big step forward with marriage equality, but Pennsylvania still needs to pass an anti-discrimination law in regards to sexual orientation and sexual identity. No one should be discriminated against because of who they are." According to Spahr, "There have been laws introduced into the legislature in PA aimed at preventing CHIP or Medicare funds to be used for medical services for the transgender community that we need to defeat."

"Cathy has pledged to work with her colleagues to pass legislation and advocate for fairness, equality, equity, and justice," said John Dawe, Interim Executive Director of Equality Pennsylvania. "These are the core values of Equality Pennsylvania and we are excited to stand behind a candidate who shares them."

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Equality Pennsylvania is the Commonwealth’s leading organization fighting for fairness, equality, equity, and fairness for LGBTQ individuals and families. Founded in 1996 as the Center for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights, the organization has grown to more than 35,000 members across the state.

The 160th Legislative District is located in Southeastern Pennsylvania, including portions of Delaware and Chester counties.

Information about Cathy Spahr is available at <http://spahrforthepeople.com>.