



***Star Democrat* Endorses Frank Kratovil in Democratic Primary**

The *Star Democrat*, the Eastern Shore daily published in Easton, has endorsed Frank Kratovil for the Democratic primary in Maryland's First Congressional District.

"Frank M. Kratovil, Jr., the state's attorney for Queen Anne's County, is the obvious best choice for Democrats deciding on the 1st District Congressional race in next week's primary election," the editorial board wrote.

The endorsement pointed to Mr. Kratovil's service as State's Attorney, president of the Maryland State's Attorneys' Association, and as board member of the Mental Health Association of Maryland, the National District Attorneys' Association, the Maryland Special Olympics Board, and as chairman of the Foundation of Community Partnerships. The editorial board also noted Mr. Kratovil's work as a coach and youth mentor as support for their decision.

"Mr. Kratovil is an articulate prosecutor who has translated his skills in the courtroom into a comfortable presence in the congressional campaign," the editorial board wrote.

The board pointed to Kratovil's views on the war in Iraq and on the need for a comprehensive regional and federal commitment to make real progress on improving the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

"Mr. Kratovil has run an honorable and well-planned campaign," the editorial board concluded. "The Democrats would do well to make him their choice in the general election."

Frank Kratovil, 39, is the two-term State's Attorney for Queen Anne's County where he lives with his wife Kimberly and their four sons. Frank Kratovil has also been endorsed by Maryland Democratic leadership at the state and local levels, the Maryland/DC AFL-CIO, the National Education Association Fund for Children and Public Education, the Maryland State Teachers Association, and the New Harford Democratic Club, Maryland's largest Democratic club.