



## Beyer Hosts Fourth Annual Women's Conference Featuring Naomi Wadler And Del. Danica Roem

October 10, 2018 (Washington, D.C.) – **Congressman Don Beyer** will host his Fourth Annual Women's Conference, *Breaking Through: Women Work For Change*, to be held Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 AM at George Mason University's Arlington Campus.

### WHAT:

- [Breaking Through: Women Work For Change](#)

### WHEN:

- October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 9:00 AM

### WHERE:

- George Mason University  
Founders Hall  
3351 Fairfax Drive  
Arlington, Virginia 22201

George Mason's **Dr. Toni-Michelle C. Travis**, Professor of Political Science, will open the Conference and introduce **Kaitlyn Oliver**, who will lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Congressman Don Beyer** will then offer opening remarks, followed by an opening performance by **Carla Dirlikov Canales** from *The Canales Project*. After the performance, the Congressman will introduce **Delegate Danica Roem** who will deliver the keynote address. After the conclusion of the keynote, Mr. Beyer will present the **Clara Mortenson Beyer Women and Children First Award** to **Naomi Wadler**.

**Delegate Danica Roem** represents the 13th District in the Virginia House of Delegates. She is a 33-year-old step-mom, lifelong resident of Prince William County, and the former lead reporter of the Gainesville Times. Delegate Roem's inspiring and transformative campaign gained national and international attention. Her victory was secured by sticking to the issues that matter most to her constituents, and never shying away from standing up for justice. As the first out transgender woman elected to a state legislature, she is blazing a new and unique trail.

**Naomi Wadler**, 11, organized youth protests at her school in the aftermath of the mass shooting in Parkland, Florida earlier this year. Her subsequent address to crowds at the March For Our Lives in Washington D.C. became an international sensation. Beyer first met Wadler at his Alexandria town hall on gun violence, held weeks after the Parkland shooting.

After the presentation of the Clara Mortenson Beyer Award, **Megan Beyer**, the former Executive Director of President Obama's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities, will moderate the plenary panel, *Making History in Virginia with the ERA*, with insightful perspectives on the history of the ERA and its future from **Lynda Johnson Robb**, **Delegate Jennifer Carroll Foy** and **Bettina Hager**.

**Lynda Johnson Robb** is a chairwoman, advocate for literacy, and the eldest daughter of President Lyndon Johnson. Ms. Robb chaired President Jimmy Carter's Advisory Committee for Women that promoted women's equality in American policy and culture. **Delegate Carroll Foy** currently represents the 2nd House District, part of Prince William and Stafford County, and is a public defender, lifelong Virginian, and foster mom. **Bettina Hager** is the DC Director and COO of the ERA Coalition and Fund for Women's Equality.

Following this, breakout sessions will be held on the following topics:

**Starting a Movement – *Mobilizing Support and Driving Solutions***

Michelle Millben – CEO and Founder, MGMC Enterprises LLC.

Kim Anderson – Executive Vice President, Democracy Alliance

Jennifer Herrera – Virginia Chapter Leader, Moms Demand Action

Miriam Gennari – Environmental Advocate

**Gender and the Supreme Court—*Understanding the Impact on Women's Issues***

Jill Morrison — Executive Director Women's Law & Public Policy Fellowship Georgetown University

Rebecca Buckwalter-Poza – Journalist

Emily Martin – Vice President for Education & Workplace Justice, National Women's Law Center

Conference participants have the opportunity to choose which of the breakout sessions to attend after the plenary concludes.

**ABOUT CONGRESSMAN BEYER:**

Representative Beyer serves as the Vice Ranking Member of the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and also serves on the House Committee on Natural Resources and the Joint Economic Committee. He previously ran a successful Northern Virginia business for over 40 years, served two terms as Virginia's Lieutenant Governor, and served as President Obama's Ambassador to Switzerland and Liechtenstein from 2009 to 2013.