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Delegate Wade Kach (R), District 5-B, announced today that he will run for the Leadership of the House of Delegates Republican Caucus. Delegate Mike Smigiel, (R), District 36, will join the ticket as Minority Whip Candidate.

Delegate Kach has served in the Maryland Legislature the last 32 years. He spent 12 years as the Ranking Member of the Economic Matters Committee, and has also served on Ways and Means, Environmental Matters and currently serves on Health and Government Operations Committee.

Kach was the first Republican to hold a leadership position in the Baltimore County Delegation serving as Vice Chairman from 2003 to 2005 and Chairman of the County Delegation's Education Subcommittee.

Delegate Smigiel is a former U.S. Marine who has been a practicing attorney for the last 18 years. Delegate Smigiel is currently a Deputy Minority Whip, Chairman of the Cecil County Delegation and Vice-Chairman of the Eastern Shore Delegation. Delegate Smigiel formerly served on the Health and Government Operations Committee and currently serves on the House Judiciary Committee.

Delegate Kach said the Kach-Smigiel leadership team will work to "restore credibility and productivity to the Republican Caucus by bringing an eminently more civil, cordial tone to the legislative process. Just as importantly, one of our top priorities is to encourage the participation of all members of the Caucus in the decision making and workings of the Caucus."

Delegate Smigiel added that we need to have a seat at the table if we expect to be effective in putting forth our views on the issues affecting the citizens of the State of Maryland. "Staying the course will not work for the Republican Party in our state. If our Party wishes to survive and grow we must be willing to adapt to the political realities that currently exist in Annapolis. We will not compromise our principles, but we must adopt new strategies in order to successfully communicate our agenda to the Assembly and the people of Maryland."