



**Maryland Working Families
2018 Legislative Candidate Questionnaire**

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Wages and Benefits

If Congress succeeds in repealing the Affordable Care Act and/or gutting Medicaid funding, over 200,000 Marylanders will lose health care and over 15,000 healthcare workers could lose jobs.

Will you support legislation to ensure Marylanders have the healthcare they deserve and quality jobs delivering it?

- I would strongly advocate for this issue and co-sponsor legislation in support of it
- I support this legislation and would vote for it
- I am not sure
- I don't support this issue at this time

Feel free to expound on your answer

Maryland Working Families has been a leader in the effort to raise the minimum wage statewide and index it to the cost of living.

- Do you support a graduated increase to \$15 in the state minimum wage by 2022?

- I would strongly advocate for this issue and co-sponsor legislation in support of it
- I support this legislation and would vote for it
- I am not sure
- I don't support this issue at this time

- Do you support indexing the state minimum wage to inflation or some other index?

- I would strongly advocate for this issue and co-sponsor legislation in support of it
- I support this legislation and would vote for it
- I am not sure
- I don't support this issue at this time

- Do you support raising the minimum wage for tipped workers to at least 70% of the state minimum wage?

- I would strongly advocate for this issue and co-sponsor legislation in support of it
- I support this legislation and would vote for it
- I am not sure
- I don't support this issue at this time

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Economic stability remains out of reach for most low-wage workers. Some contributing factors are the unpredictable work schedules and number of work shifts. Maryland Working Families believes in Fair Scheduling practices that provide workers with 3 weeks advanced notice of their work schedules and full time hours.

- Will you fight for legislation that provides workers with 3- weeks advanced notice of their work schedules?

I would strongly advocate for this issue and co-sponsor legislation in support of it
 I support this legislation and would vote for it
 I am not sure
 I don't support this issue at this time

- Will you fight for legislation that encourages employers to prioritize full-time employment over hiring additional part-time workers?

I would strongly advocate for this issue and co-sponsor legislation in support of it
 I support this legislation and would vote for it
 I am not sure
 I don't support this issue at this time

Feel free to expound on your answers:

Will you defend public pension benefits against further reductions in the retirement multiplier, further increases in employee contributions, or converting to a defined-contribution or hybrid-type pension plan for public employees?

Yes
 No
 I am not sure

Feel free to expound on your answers:

Workers' Right to Organize

Maryland Working Families strongly supports worker's efforts to organize and bargain collectively to win a more secure future for themselves and their families.

- Will you support allowing collective bargaining rights for state employees in all agencies, including community college employees (full-time and adjunct faculty

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and support staff) and state-contracted workers (such as those employed at BWI airport)?

- I would strongly advocate for this issue and co-sponsor legislation in support of it
- I support this legislation and would vote for it
- I am not sure
- I don't support this issue at this time

- Will you pledge to publicly support all workers' rights to organize by calling on employers facing union organizing drives to voluntarily recognize the union?

- Yes
- No
- I am not sure

Feel free to expound on your answers:

Public Education

Maryland Working Families believes that access to a quality public education should be available to every child regardless of zip code. State funding for education is paramount to ensuring that every school receives the resources it needs provide a quality education to every student.

- Will you support a School Funding Formula that ensures school districts that serve students in concentrated poverty receive equitable funding to compensate for higher costs of providing a quality education?

- I will strongly advocate for this issue and co-sponsor legislation in support of it
- I support this legislation and would vote for it
- I am not sure
- I don't support this issue at this time

- What other goals do you have for the Kirwan Commission in terms of education and school funding reforms?

Your answer:

- Do you support or oppose the BOOST voucher program?

- I would strongly oppose this issue and will co-sponsor legislation to prevent it

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- I oppose this legislation and will not vote for it
- I am not sure
- I support this issue because:

Please expound on your answer:

- Do you support or oppose the budget principle of no public money for private schools?

- I support the using public money to support private schools
- I oppose the use of public money to support private school
- I am not sure

Feel free to expound on your answers:

- Do you support allocating funding and resources to foster the growth of community schools within the state's public school system?

- I would strongly advocate for this issue and co-sponsor legislation in support of it
- I support this legislation and would vote for it
- I am not sure
- I don't support this issue at this time

Governor Hogan and charter school advocates have proposed legislation that would undermine local control of schools, lower standards and accountability, and circumvent certification requirements and collective bargaining rights.

- Do you support or oppose efforts to upend Maryland's charter school law and expand unaccountable charter schools?

- I would strongly oppose this issue and will work to defeat proposed legislation
- I don't support this issue at this time
- I am not sure
- I support changes to the charter school law

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Many of Maryland's most vulnerable families are on a waitlist for child care services due to lack of sufficient resources for Maryland's Child Care subsidy program.

- Would you support legislation to expand child care subsidy program?

I would strongly advocate for this issue and co-sponsor legislation in support of it
 I support this legislation and would vote for it
 I am not sure
 I don't support this issue at this time

Feel free to expound on your answers:

State Budget

The Republican healthcare plan threatens to create a nearly \$1.5 billion hole in state budget. Coupled with other federal budget cuts and continued unmet needs for both infrastructure and community services, Maryland faces a budget crisis. What is your approach to taxes, budget cuts, and other tools you can use to balance the state budget?

- Do you support or oppose combined reporting tax policy?

I would strongly advocate for this issue and co-sponsor legislation in support of it
 I support this legislation and would vote for it
 I am not sure
 I don't support this issue at this time

- Do you support or oppose legalizing, taxing, and regulating the sale of marijuana?

I would strongly advocate for this issue and co-sponsor legislation in support of it
 I support this legislation and would vote for it
 I am not sure
 I don't support this issue at this time

- Do you support or oppose reinstating the state's estate tax on millionaires?

I would strongly advocate for this issue and co-sponsor legislation in support of it
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Civil Rights

When local police departments enforce Federal Civil Immigration law as a request from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement we see a negative impact in our overall societal well being. The communication between agencies has been shown to be ineffective at removing serious criminals. In the state of Maryland, over 64 percent of those deported under the program have been non-criminals. Furthermore, it has reduced participation in community policing efforts in immigrant neighborhoods.

- Do you support TRUST legislation creating guidelines barring local police from holding immigrants under U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainer request and separating the functions of local public safety from immigration enforcement?

I would strongly advocate for this issue and co-sponsor legislation in support of it

I support this legislation and would vote for it

I am not sure

I don't support this issue at this time

Feel free to expound on your answer:

The case of Freddy Grey taught us a lot about police accountability and the lack recourse communities have when they feel police have acted with excessive force. Communities across the state and country are thinking creatively about how to strengthen the relationship between law enforcement and residents while managing a consistent increase in officers.

- Would you champion a legislation that ensures civilians are active participants in police trial boards?

I would strongly advocate for this issue and co-sponsor legislation in support of it

I support this legislation and would vote for it

I am not sure

I don't support this issue at this time

Hundreds of low risk individuals are detained each day in Maryland jails because they are poor and unable to make bail while high-risk defendants are able to post bail, are released and free to commit violent crimes. Not only is this unfair and unsafe, it may also be unconstitutional. Maryland's highest court ruled that the Cash Bail system

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employed in by the criminal justice system discriminates against low income defendants.

- Do you support efforts to eliminate money bail in Maryland, which has been shown to discriminate against poor people and people of color and undermines public safety, as a condition of pretrial release?

I would strongly advocate for this issue and co-sponsor legislation in support of it
 I support this legislation and would vote for it
 I am not sure
 I don't support this issue at this time

Across the country we have seen a rapid increase in the militarization of local and state police departments. The result has been a marked increase in police violence against civilians and shift in policing strategies. The Trump administration has reversed Obama era policies to limit disbursement of surplus military equipment to civilian police departments.

- Will you support a ban on local and state police department's purchase and use of additional surplus military equipment?

I would strongly advocate for this issue and co-sponsor legislation in support of it
 I support this legislation and would vote for it
 I am not sure
 I don't support this issue at this time

Maryland Working Families believes that employment in Maryland government should reflect Maryland's racial diversity.

- What steps would you take to make sure that the Maryland government mirrors Maryland's racial diversity?

Your answer:

Election Reform & Open Government

Maryland Working Families believes in a democracy that works for every individual and supports structural reforms that can restore power to working people. We have helped expand democracy in our state by restoring voting rights to ex-felons upon release, expanding Early Vote and Same Day Registration during Early Vote.

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- Will you support legislation that establishes the public financing of campaigns for all state offices?

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- Will you support efforts to change the Maryland Charter to allow for Election Day Voter Registration?

I would strongly advocate for this issue and co-sponsor legislation in support of it
 I support this legislation and would vote for it
 I am not sure
 I don't support this issue at this time

- Will you champion and sign legislation that will implement Automatic Voter Registration for all eligible voters who interact with the Maryland State government?

I would strongly advocate for this issue and co-sponsor legislation in support of it
 I support this legislation and would vote for it
 I am not sure
 I don't support this issue at this time

Feel free to expound on your answers:

Public Investments and Infrastructure

Many Marylanders live in areas that would be served by the proposed Red and Purple Lines. Both rapid transit proposals have the potential to bring many benefits to underserved communities, but it also threatens to displace them. Maryland Working Families supports equitable development around the Purple Line that utilizes public investment to mandate the training and hiring of local workers, preserves affordable housing, and creates programs to protect the existing fabric of minority-owned diverse small businesses.

- Do you support the above principles as necessary components of your commitment to building the Purple Line?

I would strongly advocate for this issue and co-sponsor legislation in support of it
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- Governor Hogan inexplicably cancelled the Red Line, which would have helped thousands of Baltimore families connect with educational, employment and training opportunities. Will you support working with Baltimore leaders and the community to develop a reliable rapid transit alternative to the Red Line?

- I would strongly advocate for this issue and co-sponsor legislation in support of it
- I support this legislation and would vote for it
- I am not sure
- I don't support this issue at this time

Feel free to expound on your answers:

Increasingly local, state and federal tax dollars are being used to promote economic and real estate development in struggling communities. The proposed Port Covington development in Baltimore City is an example of the state partnering with the City to underwrite the nearly \$1 billion cost of building infrastructure for the project.

- Do you support using the state's proprietary interest to require a Labor Peace Agreement as part of the state's support for such projects?

- I would strongly advocate for this issue and co-sponsor legislation in support of it
- I support this legislation and would vote for it
- I am not sure
- I don't support this issue at this time

- Do you support using Community Benefits Agreements (CBAs) that establish standards for prevailing wages, fair pay, employee retention, local hiring and other benchmarks that ensure good jobs and working conditions for Marylanders as part of the state's support for such projects?

- I would strongly advocate for the above principles
- I support the above principles
- I am not sure
- I don't support the above principles

Feel free to expound on your answers:

Central Maryland suffers from a lack of housing affordable to middle and low wage workers proximate to where there are jobs, resulting in longer commutes, record waiting

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lists for quality affordable housing, and a substantial growth in demand for local and state safety net services.

- Will you support a statewide legislative strategy to aggressively tie new affordable housing to state and local subsidies to real estate developers?

I would strongly advocate for this issue and co-sponsor legislation in support of it
 I support this legislation and would vote for it
 I am not sure
 I don't support this issue at this time

- Will you support implementation of a dedicated affordable housing fund that will support building new affordable housing units for very-low wage workers and their families?

I would strongly advocate for this issue and co-sponsor legislation in support of it
 I support this legislation and would vote for it
 I am not sure
 I don't support this issue at this time

Building Power for Working People

Maryland Working Families is committed to lifting up the issues and concerns of working men and women and giving them greater representation within their government. We achieve this by supporting candidates at the local, state and federal level who are committed to working together to advance a progressive policy agenda.

- Will you commit to promoting the Working Families endorsement?

Yes
 No

- Will you commit to joining other legislators to form a Progressive Legislative Caucus?

Yes
 No

Declaration

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By signing below, I acknowledge that the above answers represent my positions on the issues. I acknowledge that the members and affiliates of Maryland Working Families will use the answers provided on this questionnaire to determine their level of support for my candidacy. Answers provided may be made public.

Signature: _____

Your record is part of your rating. Please list any actions that you have taken that may help illustrate your dedication to social and economic justice.

Your answers may be typed on separate paper rather than on this form. You must sign your name on each answer sheet to indicate your personal commitment to your answers.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN QUESTIONNAIRE BY MIDNIGHT AUGUST 6.

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