



2020 LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD

Maryland PIRG
Maryland Public Interest Research Group



I 2020 in review

Dear supporter,

In March, as COVID-19 surged in Maryland and across the country, the Maryland General Assembly wrapped up the 2020 legislative session weeks earlier than expected. While the public health crisis meant some of our legislative priorities didn't make it through this year, we were able to move the ball forward on several public interest issues.

In this past year, Maryland PIRG worked successfully with the Maryland General Assembly to pass bills that will protect consumers and safeguard public health. Some of these bills are now law, and others were vetoed by Gov. Larry Hogan. My team and I have put this scorecard together so you can know how your legislators voted on some of the issues we weighed in on.

One of the victories I am particularly proud of is the passage of the Family and Firefighter Protection Act, a law that will ban the use of toxic flame retardant chemicals in children's products, furniture, and mattresses. This Maryland PIRG backed bill took years to win, and was supported by public health advocates and the Professional Firefighters of Maryland. Upon final passage, the bill garnered strong bipartisan support.

In some areas our legislators fell short—the Student Voter Empowerment Act, which would have helped increase student voter participation, was voted down in a Senate Committee. And on other priorities, there just wasn't time to finish the legislative process safely.

We had tough fights this year. We took on the chemical industry, big tobacco, and big tech companies. We certainly didn't win on everything, but I am proud of what we accomplished, and of the state legislators who stood by our - and your - side.

I'm proud of what we have been able to accomplish in 2020, but our legislators can and should do more to address these pressing problems that impact our daily lives. Maryland PIRG staff do research, public education, organizing, and advocacy to deliver tangible results that benefit all Marylanders. With the help and support of our members, we'll keep pushing for change in 2021 and beyond.

Sincerely,
Emily Scarr
Director

I Legislation Scored

Healthy Living

All families and communities should have access to clean air, safe drinking water, and healthy and sustainably produced food, and we shouldn't have to worry that we are being exposed to harmful chemicals in our food, water, air or products.

1. Family and Fire Fighter Protection Act

Sen. Guzzone and Del. Cullison (SB447/HB424)

This bill was championed by Maryland firefighters and public health advocates, including the Professional Fire Fighters of Maryland, the Maryland Fireman's Association, Maryland PIRG and the Natural Resources Defense Council. It restricts the use of flame retardant chemicals in furniture, mattresses and children's products. These chemicals are not effective for fire safety. Commonly used chemical flame retardants are linked to cancer and other health impacts. The bill passed with strong bipartisan support.

★ **This bill is now law.**

2. Increase and Expand the Tobacco Tax

Sen. McCray and Del. Luedtke (SB3/HB732)

Increases the tobacco tax and creates tax parity for all tobacco products including electronic cigarettes.

➤ **This bill passed but was vetoed by Gov. Hogan**

3. Safe School Drinking Water Act

Sen. McCray and Del. Solomon (SB992/HB1475)

Lead is a potent neurotoxin that affects how our children develop, learn, and behave. Across Maryland, testing is revealing lead in the drinking water in our schools. This policy strengthens protections for lead in school drinking water by lowering the action level to 5ppb. In 2019 it passed the House but not the Senate.

➤ **In 2020, SB992 passed the Senate, but did not receive a vote on the House floor.**

4. Ban Chlorpyrifos

Sen. Lam and Del. Stein (SB300/HB229)

Bans the use of the toxic insecticide chlorpyrifos. A version of this bill passed which included a four year sunset clause.

➤ **This bill passed but was vetoed by Gov. Hogan**



I Democracy for the People

The influence of wealthy special interests in elections has eroded public trust in our political system and helped to depress civic participation. We should do everything we can to ensure all eligible voters are able to have their voice heard on Election Day.

5. Student Voter Empowerment Act

Sen. Lam and Del. Luedtke (SB647/HB245)

This bill gives Universities and Colleges the necessary tools to increase civic engagement and participation in democracy among young voters. It also requires large Universities to have a polling location on campus. A version of this bill passed the house, which would have required Maryland Universities to have a plan for student voting and a student voting coordinator to help students and student groups navigate voter registration and voting.

- **This bill passed the house but was voted down in a Senate Committee.**

6. Maryland Fair Elections Act

Sen. Pinsky and Del. Feldmark (SB613/HB1125)

This bill creates a small donor campaign finance program for statewide offices that enables candidates for Governor, Comptroller, and Attorney General to run for office without large or corporate campaign contributions by providing limited matching funds for small donations.

- **A version of the bill that applied for the Governor's race passed through two Senate Committees but did not get a vote in the House.**

Creating a new way to fund races for Governor is incredibly important. As [our 2020 report shows](#), the people and entities that donate to Maryland's Gubernatorial campaigns are not reflective of Marylanders who are eligible to vote in these elections.

I Consumer Watchdog

Marylanders should be able to participate in the marketplace without concern about hidden fees, scams, safety risks, or privacy violations. We work to end exploitative practices, and ensure a level playing field in the marketplace. And we advocate for new rules, institutions and policies to defend consumers from the economic and political power of special interests.

7. Textbooks Price Transparency Act

Sen. Rosapepe and Del. Stewart (SB667/HB318)

Students in the midst of financial planning for college need access to the full cost and range of choices, including those related to cost of course materials. This bill provides students in the University of Maryland system with vital information about their textbook options by including information about which classes offer free or low cost textbooks in the course catalogue. Providing students this information while they are registering for classes allows them to make informed choices and financially plan.

- ★ **This bill is now law.**

8. Hospital Fee Transparency

Sen. Kelley and Del. R. Lewis (SB632/HB915)

This bill increases price transparency for "outpatient facility fees" which are separate from fees for professional service. This added transparency is essential to protect patients as consumers and to help address the increasing costs of healthcare in Maryland.

The very least we can do about rising health care costs is make sure consumers can get prices for fees, services and treatment up front, to allow for more informed decisions about value, encourage price competition that could help keep costs in check, and create accountability for unreasonably high-cost hospitals and providers.

- ★ **This bill is now law.**

I Other 2020 Legislation

Plastic Packaging Reduction Act

Sen. Augustine and Del. Lierman (SB313/HB209)

Nothing we use for a few minutes should threaten our health and pollute our environment for hundreds of years. The waste we produce means more leaky landfills, dirty air from incinerators, and more litter and litter cleanup costs. This bill bans single-use plastic bags and creates a task force to create a plan to deal with plastic waste.

- **The House passed a version of the bill that would have banned single-use plastic bags, but it didn't receive a vote on the Senate floor.**

Community Choice Energy

Sen. Beidle and Del. Charkoudian (SB315/HB561)

This bill enables municipalities to set up alternatives to the investor-owned energy supply system. Community choice energy (CCE) allows residents in a community to control the type of electricity purchased by their local utility. CCE's can enable communities to negotiate lower rates and use more renewable energy.

- **A version of this bill passed out of the House which would have enabled Montgomery County to pilot CCE for 7 years. The amended bill did not receive a vote in the Senate.**

Protect Kids from Nicotine Addiction

Office of the Attorney General and Del. D.E. Davis (SB233/HB3)

We need to protect kids from nicotine addiction and all the harm that comes with it. This bill would have stopped the sale of all flavored tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, menthol cigarettes, and cigars.

- **A version of this bill passed out of the House. The amended bill did not receive a vote in the Senate.**

Right to Repair

*Sen. Fry Hester and Del. Feldmark (SB723/HB1124)
Del. Hornberger - Farm Equipment (HB699)*

We generate way too much waste, and companies intentionally make things harder to repair. This bill gives consumers and small businesses access to the parts, tools and service information they need to repair products so we can keep things in use and reduce waste.

- **These bills did not receive votes on either chamber's floor.**

Fair Elections for General Assembly

Sen. Pinsky and Del. Mosby (SB947/HB1351)

This bill creates a campaign finance program for State Senate and House of Delegate elections that enables candidates to run for office without large or corporate campaign contributions by providing limited matching funds for small donations.

- **This bill did not receive votes on either chamber's floor.**

I 2021 Preview: Priority Legislation

I Healthy Living

PFAS Protection Act

Senator Elfreth and Delegate Love (SB195/HB22)
PFAS chemicals are polluting drinking water in Maryland and across the country. These toxic chemicals accumulate in our bodies and have been linked to harmful health effects like cancer and other serious illnesses. This bill protects public health by restricting the use and disposal of toxic PFAS chemicals in Maryland. This bill stops the use of PFAS chemicals in firefighting foam, food packaging and textiles. It also prevents the mass incineration or landfilling of PFAS chemicals.

Protect our Kids from Nicotine Addiction

Senator Washington and Delegate Jazz Lewis (SB177/HB134)
We need to protect kids from nicotine addiction and all the harm that comes with it. This bill stops the sale of all flavored tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, menthol cigarettes, and cigars.

I CONSUMER PROTECTION

Right to Repair

Senator Hester and Delegate Feldmark
We generate way too much waste, and companies intentionally make things harder to repair. This bill gives consumers and small businesses access to the parts, tools and service information they need to repair products so we can keep things in use and reduce waste.

I Democracy for the People

Voter Empowerment Act

Senator Elfreth and Delegate Luedtke (SB283/HB156)
Strengthens voter participation on campuses, expanding voter registration options for active military, and increases access to voting for large institutions.

Maryland Fair Elections Act

Senator Pinsky and Delegate Feldmark
This bill updates the Gubernatorial campaign finance program to enable candidates to run for office without large or corporate campaign contributions by providing limited matching funds for small donations.

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Scorecard Key

- (+) Vote for the public interest
- (-) Vote against the public interest
- (E) Excused absence
- (NV) Not Voting / unexcused
(counts against their score)

Maryland PIRG's mission is to deliver persistent, result-oriented public interest activism that encourages a fair, sustainable economy, and fosters responsive, democratic government. For more than forty-five years we've stood up to powerful interests whenever they threaten our health and safety, our financial security, or our right to fully participate in our democratic society.

Not sure who represents you in Annapolis? Visit <http://mdelect.net>

2020 MARYLAND STATE SENATE SCORECARD

State Senator	District	1	2	3	4	5*	6*	7	8	Term Score	2020 Score
Malcolm Augustine	47	+	+	+	+			+	+	100%	100%
Jack Bailey	29	+	-	E	-	-	-	+	+	38%	43%
Pamela Beidle	32	E	+	+	+			+	+	100%	100%
Joanne C. Benson	24	+	+	+	+			+	+	100%	100%
Mary Beth Carozza	38	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	42%	50%
Jill P. Carter	41	+	+	+	+			+	+	100%	100%
Robert Cassilly	34	+	-	+	-			+	+	50%	67%
Adelaide Eckardt	37	+	-	+	-		-	+	+	45%	57%
George Edwards	1	+	-	+	-		-	+	+	45%	57%
Sarah Elfreth	30	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	100%	100%
Arthur Ellis	28	+	+	+	E	NV	+	+	+	93%	86%
Brian Feldman	15	+	+	+	+			+	+	100%	100%
Bill Ferguson	46	+	+	+	+			+	+	100%	100%
Katie Fry Hester	9	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Jason Gallion	35	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	42%	50%
Melony Griffith	25	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	100%	100%
Guy Guzzone	13	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	100%	100%
Antonio Hayes	40	+	+	+	+			+	+	100%	100%
Stephen Hershey	36	+	-	+	-			+	+	53%	67%
Shelly Hettleman	11	+	+	+	+			+	+	100%	100%
Michael Hough	4	+	-	+	-			+	+	58%	67%
J. B. Jennings	7	+	-	+	-			+	+	58%	67%
Cheryl Kagan	17	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	94%	88%
Delores Kelley	10	+	+	+	+			+	+	100%	100%
Nancy King	39	+	+	+	+		-	+	+	93%	86%
Katherine Klausmeier	8	+	-	+	NV			+	+	75%	67%
Ben Kramer	19	+	+	+	+			+	+	100%	100%
Clarence Lam	12	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Susan Lee	16	+	+	+	+			+	+	100%	100%
Cory McCray	45	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	100%	100%
Mike Miller	27	E	E	+	+		-	E	E	83%	67%
Obie Patterson	26	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Douglas J.J. Peters	23	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	100%	100%
Paul Pinsky	22	E	E	+	+	+	+	E	E	100%	100%
Justin Ready	5	+	-	+	-			+	+	50%	67%
Edward Reilly	33	+	-	+	-			+	+	75%	67%
James Rosapepe	21	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	100%	100%
Johnny Ray Salling	6	+	-	+	-		-	+	+	45%	57%
Andrew Serafini	2	+	-	+	-		-	+	+	45%	57%
Bryan Simonaire	31	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	56%	63%
William Smith	20	+	+	+	+			+	+	100%	100%
Charles Sydnor	44	+	+	+	+			+	+	100%	100%
Jeff Waldstreicher	18	+	+	+	+			+	+	100%	100%
Mary Washington	43	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Chris West	42	+	-	+	+			+	+	83%	83%
Ronald Young	3	+	+	+	+			+	+	100%	100%
Craig Zucker	14	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	100%	100%

*5 and *6 are committee votes

I 2020 MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES SCORECARD

Delegate	District	1	2	4	5	7	8	Term Score	2020 Score
Gabriel Acevero	39	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Chris Adams	37B	-	-	-	-	+	+	23%	33%
Curt Anderson	43	E	+	+	E	E	E	82%	100%
Carl Anderton	38B	+	-	-	NV	+	+	49%	60%
Steven Arentz	36	-	-	-	-	+	+	23%	33%
Lauren Arikian	7	E	E	E	E	E	E	13%	na
Dalya Attar	41	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Vanessa Atterbeary	13	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Heather Bagnall	33	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Benjamin Barnes	21	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Darryl Barnes	25	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Erek Barron	24	+	+	NV	+	+	+	100%	100%
Sandy Bartlett	32	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Kumar Barve	17	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Wendell Beitzel	01A	-	-	-	-	+	+	23%	33%
Lisa Belcastro	11	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Harry Bhandari	8	+	-	+	+	+	+	92%	83%
Joseph Boteler	8	-	-	-	-	+	+	23%	33%
Regina Boyce	43	+	+	-	+	+	+	92%	83%
Talmadge Branch	45	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Chanel Branch	45	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Tony Bridges	41	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Benjamin Brooks	10	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Jason Buckel	01B	-	-	-	-	+	+	23%	33%
Alice Cain	30A	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Jon Cardin	11	+	+	E	+	+	+	100%	100%
Ned Carey	31A	+	-	+	+	+	+	86%	83%
Alfred Carr	18	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Mark Chang	32	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Lorig Charkoudian	20	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Nick Charles	25	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Brian Chisholm	31B	-	-	-	-	+	+	29%	33%
Barrie Ciliberti	4	-	-	-	-	+	+	23%	33%
Gerald Clark	29C	-	-	-	-	+	+	42%	33%
Luke Clippinger	46	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Frank Conaway	40	+	-	+	+	+	+	92%	83%
Paul Corderman	02B	-	-	-	-	+	+	29%	33%
Dan Cox	4	-	-	-	-	+	+	23%	33%
Brian Crosby	29B	+	-	+	+	+	+	92%	83%
Charlotte Crutchfield	19	+	+	+	E	+	+	100%	100%
Bonnie Cullison	19	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Debra Davis	28	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Dereck Davis	25	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Kathleen Dumais	15	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Eric Ebersole	12	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Jessica Feldmark	12	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Diana Fennell	47A	+	+	+	E	+	+	100%	100%
Mark Fisher	27C	-	-	-	-	+	+	29%	33%
Wanika Fisher	47B	+	+	+	NV	+	+	92%	83%
Andrea Harrison	24	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Cathi Forbes	42A	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
David Fraser-Hidalgo	15	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Jefferson Ghrist	36	-	-	-	E	+	+	27%	40%
Jim Gilchrist	17	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Robin Grammer	6	-	-	-	NV	+	+	23%	33%
Mike Griffith	35B	-	-	-	-	+	+	33%	33%
Michele Guyton	42B	+	-	+	+	+	+	92%	83%
Wayne Hartman	38C	-	-	-	-	+	+	23%	33%
Keith Haynes	44A	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Anne Healy	22	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Shaneka Henson	30A	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Terri Hill	12	+	+	+	E	+	+	100%	100%

I 2020 MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES SCORECARD

Delegate	District	1	2	4	5	7	8	Term Score	2020 Score
Marvin Holmes	23B	NV	+	+	+	+	+	86%	83%
Kevin Hornberger	35A	-	-	+	-	+	+	38%	50%
Seth Howard	30B	+	-	-	-	+	+	55%	50%
Richard Impallaria	7	-	-	-	-	+	+	17%	33%
Julian Ivey	47A	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Michael Jackson	27B	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Carl Jackson	8	+	-	+	+	+	NV	67%	67%
Jay Jacobs	36	-	-	-	-	+	+	23%	33%
Jay Jalisi	10	+	-	+	+	+	+	79%	83%
Steven Johnson	34A	+	-	+	+	+	+	92%	83%
Adrienne Jones	10	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Anne Kaiser	14	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Ariana Kelly	16	+	+	E	+	+	+	100%	100%
Ken Kerr	03B	+	+	+	+	+	+	94%	100%
Nicholaus Kipke	31B	+	-	-	-	+	+	47%	50%
Trent Kittleman	09A	E	E	E	E	E	E	0%	na
Marc Korman	16	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Susan Krebs	5	-	-	-	-	+	+	23%	33%
Carol Krimm	03A	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Mary Lehman	21	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Jazz Lewis	24	+	+	+	+	+	+	94%	100%
Robbyn Lewis	46	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Brooke Lierman	46	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Mary Ann Lisanti	34A	+	-	+	+	+	+	92%	83%
Robert Long	6	E	E	E	E	E	E	25%	NA
Lesley Lopez	39	+	+	+	+	+	+	94%	100%
Sara Love	16	NV	+	+	+	+	+	92%	83%
Eric Luedtke	14	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Michael Malone	33	-	-	+	-	+	+	38%	50%
Nino Mangione	42B	-	-	-	-	+	+	23%	33%
Johnny Mautz	37B	-	-	-	-	+	+	23%	33%
Susan McComas	34B	E	E	E	-	E	E	7%	0%
Maggie McIntosh	43	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Michael McKay	01C	-	-	-	-	+	+	23%	33%
Ric Metzgar	6	-	-	-	-	+	+	29%	33%
Warren Miller	09A	-	-	-	-	+	+	23%	33%
David Moon	20	+	+	+	+	+	+	94%	100%
Matt Morgan	29A	-	-	NV	-	+	+	23%	33%
Nick Mosby	40	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Charles Otto	38A	+	-	-	-	+	+	32%	50%
Julie Palakovich Carr	17	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Neil Parrott	02A	-	-	-	-	+	+	23%	33%
Edith Patterson	28	+	+	+	+	+	+	94%	100%
Joseline Pena-Melnyk	21	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Shane Pendergrass	13	NV	+	+	+	+	+	86%	83%
Jesse Pippy	4	-	-	-	-	+	+	29%	33%
Elizabeth Proctor	27A	E	E	E	E	E	E	100%	na
Lily Qi	15	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Pamela Queen	14	+	+	+	+	+	+	94%	100%
Teresa Reilly	35B	-	-	-	-	+	+	23%	33%
Kirill Reznik	39	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Mike Rogers	32	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
April Rose	5	-	-	-	-	+	+	23%	33%
Samuel "Sandy" Rosenberg	41	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Shelia Ruth	44B	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Sid Saab	33	-	-	+	-	+	+	38%	50%
Sheree Sample-Hughes	37A	+	+	-	+	+	+	61%	83%
Emily Shetty	18	E	E	E	+	E	E	100%	100%
Haven Shoemaker	5	-	-	-	-	+	+	24%	33%

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Delegate	District	1	2	4	5	7	8	Term Score	2020 Score
Stephanie Smith	45	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Jared Solomon	18	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Dana Stein	11	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Vaughn Stewart	19	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Kathy Szeliga	7	-	-	-	-	+	+	29%	33%
Jen Terrasa	13	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Veronica Turner	26	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Kriselda Valderrama	26	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Geraldine Valentino-Smith	23A	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Jay Walker	26	+	+	+	+	+	+	94%	100%
Alonzo Washington	22	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Courtney Watson	09B	NV	+	+	+	+	+	86%	83%
Ron Watson	23B	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Melissa Wells	40	+	+	-	+	+	+	92%	83%
Jheanelle Wilkins	20	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Nicole Williams	22	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
C.T. Wilson	28	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
William Wivell	02A	-	-	-	-	+	+	29%	33%
Karen Lewis Young	03A	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%
Pat Young	44B	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%

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