The Maryland Public Interest Research Group (Maryland PIRG), a non-profit, non-partisan advocate for the public interest, monitors the voting records of Maryland’s state legislators. Do your legislators support the public interest? Their votes on key public interest issues are shown below.

PUBLIC INTEREST VOTES

1. Keep Antibiotics Effective Act (SB422): Bans the routine use of antibiotics on animals that are not sick to protect public health from antibiotic resistance.
2. Testing for Lead in Drinking Water (HB270): Requires Maryland schools to test for lead in school drinking water and calls for shut-off and remediation if lead is present.
3. Farebox Recovery (HB271): Repeals a mandate that the Maryland Transit Authority must cover 35% of operating costs from fares.
4. Free Credit Freeze (HB212): Allows for one free credit freeze for all Maryland consumers.
5. Textbook Cost Savings Act (HB967): Textbook prices are rising four times faster than inflation. This bill provides a grant to the University System of Maryland for their Open Source Textbook Initiative to develop free open-source textbooks and incentivize professors to use them.
6. Ban on Lead and Mercury Wheel Weights (HB66): Bans the use and sale of lead or mercury in wheel weights.
8. Online Predatory Loans (SB527): Closes loophole to stop online predatory lending to protect Maryland consumers.
9. Election Day Voter Registration (SB423): Enables eligible voters to register to vote, fix problems with their registration, and vote on Election Day.
10. Internet Consumer Privacy (SB1200): Reinstates online privacy protections stripped by the U.S. Congress to stop internet service providers from selling consumer information.

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