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## 2018 Questionnaire for the House of Delegates

Progressive Maryland is a grassroots community organization that acts for social and economic justice by developing civic leaders and cultivating allies in order to advance economic, racial, and environmental equity, and to change our economic system for the benefit of all people in Maryland. Learn more at [www.ProgressiveMaryland.org](http://www.ProgressiveMaryland.org)

Progressive Maryland supports candidates who will work to build a society and economy that works for all Marylanders, with special emphasis on traditionally marginalized groups—low and moderate income residents, people of color, women, LGBTQ+, and all oppressed and exploited people. Elections can have an enormous impact on our work to reduce inequity and to improve the lives of residents all over the state. It is our responsibility not only to advocate for residents but also to empower them to engage in the political process at every level, from member-led canvasses to trainings for our members who wish to run for office.

To be considered for Progressive Maryland's endorsement, please return the completed questionnaire to our Policy and Legislative Director Jennifer Dwyer at [Jennifer@progressivemaryland.org](mailto:Jennifer@progressivemaryland.org). Responses will be available to the public at [www.ProgressiveMaryland.org](http://www.ProgressiveMaryland.org)

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### Candidate Information

Candidate Last Name:

Rosenberg \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate First Name:

Sandy \_\_\_\_\_

Office Seeking:

State Delegate \_\_\_\_\_

District:

41 \_\_\_\_\_

Party:

Democratic \_\_\_\_\_

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### Candidate History

Previous Elected Offices:

**State Delegate**

Which Years Did You Serve:

**1983 - Present**

Have you ever received an endorsement from Progressive Maryland?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or NO <input type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, when: 2014 My records do not include prior elections.	
Have you ever assisted Progressive Maryland in achieving its goals?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Describe: <b>During my time as State Delegate, I have sponsored and voted for numerous pieces of legislation that align with the goals of Progressive Maryland.</b> <b>This session alone, I am the lead sponsor of legislation to bring transparency to the funding of online political advertisements (HB768); improve public confidence in the integrity of our electoral process (HB767); and provide accountability for landlords of lead-contaminated rental properties (HB852).</b>	
Major Endorsements (Elected Officials/Organizations/Opinion Leaders): <b>Ben Cardin, United States Senator    Brian Frosh, Maryland Attorney General</b> <b>Sierra Club Maryland</b> <b>Maryland League of Conservation Voters</b>	

## Issue Questions

1. Do you support ending the money-based bail system?

Yes **XX**

No

Comments:

**I support eliminating money bail. It is a persistent source of inequity in the court system and past due to be replaced.**

2. Will you support a \$15 per hour minimum wage for all Maryland workers? If yes, over what time period would you suggest implementing it? Do you support including an indexing provision?

Yes  No

Comments:

**A livable minimum wage is the best way to address income inequality. I co-sponsored HB 1416 (2017) and Del. Hettleman's HB 664 this session. I support the time period for implementation and the indexing provisions in HB 664.**

3. Do you support public financing of State Senate and Delegate races similar to systems enacted in Montgomery County and Howard County?

Yes  No

Comments:

**I have long supported efforts to rid the influence of money in politics and would support legislation to enact a public financing system for state races.**

4. Do you support increased protections for workers in terms of scheduling practices? In particular, will you support requiring employers to give 3 weeks' notice to employees of their shift schedule, requiring employers who call employees into work only to send them home before the end of their shift to provide a certain percentage of the pay that the employee would have made that day, and prohibiting employers from scheduling an employee to work back-to-back shifts or shifts scheduled only a few hours apart without the employee's consent?

Yes  No

Comments:

**Increasing worker's protections in terms of scheduling practices enhances stability in families, leading to better outcomes for them and their dependents. It is unconscionable to allow employers to take advantage of people who are struggling to make ends meet.**

5. Do you support workers' rights to organize in the private and public sectors? Will you make it a priority that all public employees be covered by a public employees relations act, similar to the National Labor Relations Act, which has governed work in the private sector for over 80 years?

Yes **XX**                      No

Comments:

**I would support future efforts to protect the right to organize and engage in collective bargaining. I have an extensive history of supporting and sponsoring legislation protecting workers rights' to organize unions and engage in collective bargaining. I would support efforts to afford the benefits of collective bargaining to as many state and local government employees as possible. If the Supreme Court's *Janus* decision restricts the right of public workers to organize, I pledge to work on drafting legislation to secure those rights.**

6. We believe that the financial security of women is integral to the health of our economy. Do you feel that legislation ensuring the equal treatment of men and women in the workplace is appropriate? If so, what legislation will you support as a member of the General Assembly to bring women to parity with their male colleagues?

Yes **XX**                      No

Comments:

**I introduced and passed the Lilly Ledbetter Civil Rights Restoration Act of 2009 (HB288) which gives workers the opportunity to file a claim for unequal pay, reversing a 5-4 decision by the Supreme Court. I will continue to sponsor and advocate for equal treatment of men and women in all walks of life.**

7. Do you believe that employers should be required to make reasonable accommodations for employees and applicants for employment who have known limitations due to conditions related to pregnancy or childbirth?

Yes **XX**                      No

Comments:

**Such accommodations are integral to protecting a woman's decision, in consultation with the people she chooses, whether to have children.**

8. Are there any instances in which the state should place restrictions on a patient seeking abortion care, such as stage of pregnancy, access based on age, or the type of abortion care that state funding should cover?

Yes **XX**                      No

Comments:

**I believe that the Supreme Court ruled correctly in *Roe v. Wade*. I was the House floor leader when we made the holding of *Roe v. Wade* the law of Maryland, even if *Roe* is overturned by the Supreme Court.**

**Our law is not abortion on demand, which is how pro-lifers falsely characterize it.**

**If a fetus is viable, an abortion is legal only if the procedure is necessary to protect the life or health of the woman or the fetus is affected by genetic defect or serious deformity or abnormality. I support this constitutionally enforceable standard.**

**I support Medicaid funding of abortions.**

9. Will you support single-payer health care in Maryland? If so, how would you pass it and how would you pay for it?

Yes                              **No XX**

Comments:

**Increasing access to health insurance coverage and boosting enrollment, especially for low-income and vulnerable residents is essential, but I do not support a Maryland single-payer universal health care system. Instead, I support efforts to protect our state's current health insurance marketplace, which is composed of public and private payers and has seen dramatic increases in enrollment since the passage of the Affordable Care Act. The Maryland Health Benefit Exchange recently reported that 81,553 individuals purchased insurance on the Exchange in 2014; in 2018, that number nearly doubled, to 153,571. Enrollment in Maryland's Medicaid program has increased by nearly 300,000 individuals. I support efforts to protect and build on these existing programs, rather than creating a new single-payer system in our state.**

**My colleagues and I on the Health & Government Operations Committee, which has jurisdiction over health insurance, are following the recent actions on the federal level very closely. I am concerned that**

regulatory actions taken by the Trump Administration and legislation approved by the Republican-led Congress could discourage individuals from purchasing health insurance and thus destabilize the market.

Our response, House Bill 1782, seeks to stabilize the individual health insurance market by requiring that, for calendar year 2019, the State will recoup the health insurance provider fee that otherwise would have been assessed under § 9010 of the Affordable Care Act. I was a co-sponsor of this bill.

I support considering these and other bipartisan options before the creation of a Maryland single-payer universal health care system.

10. Will you support instituting transparency rules for Pharmacy Benefit Managers and drug corporations as well as creating a drug cost review commission for high cost drugs?

Yes  XX

Comments:

House Bill 1349 authorizes the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to require a Pharmacy Benefits Manager (PBM) to provide additional information or submissions during the registration and renewal processes. The bill, which I co-sponsored, also imposes specified requirements and prohibitions on PBMs related to reimbursement for pharmacy services and maximum allowable cost (MAC) lists. Additionally, the bill provides the Commissioner with additional oversight of PBMs, including the authority to adopt regulations to establish a complaint process to address grievances and appeals.

As of the deadline for submitting this questionnaire, House Bill 1194, which I co-sponsored, would establish a Drug Cost Commission to determine how to make prescription drugs more affordable for Marylanders. The Commission would access publicly available pricing information and information collected by other states. The 3-year Commission would make annual reports to the General Assembly on its findings related to prescription drug data accessed by the Commission and recommendations on how entities within the prescription drug supply chain can improve access to affordable prescription drugs by Marylanders.

11. In general, do you support or oppose charter schools?

Support  XX

Oppose

Comments:

I support charter schools that provide a quality education for our children. Charter schools should continue to be held accountable for the student outcomes they have agreed to in their charters. Oversight of these schools should not be weakened. In addition, teachers and staff should be covered by the collective bargaining agreement between the teachers union and the school board. Their funding should be based on pupil need and operational costs that are not met by the Baltimore Public Schools.



**I remain open to working with KIPP and the BTU, if necessary, upon the expiration of their**

12. Do you support or oppose school vouchers that would allow public school students, K-12, to attend a private school instead of their local public school? Please explain your support or opposition.

Support

**Oppose XX**

Comments:

**School vouchers benefit a few students at the expense of many. I support the BOOST program that provides for the needs of children who are FARM eligible and increased state funding for pre-K-12 public schools, per the recommendation of the Kirwan Commission. We can do both.**

13. Will you support making state colleges and universities free for all in-state students?

**Yes XX**

No

Comments:

**I have long championed public education in Maryland and would support legislation providing free tuition for all in-state students at state universities, colleges, vocational, and trade schools in Maryland, if doing so is fiscally responsible. I would support a progressive form of funding for this commitment.**

14. Will you support the Trust Act?

**Yes XX**

No

Comments:

**Singling out persons solely based upon their immigration status is an unconstitutional waste of resources.**

15. Will you support closing corporate tax loopholes by requiring combined reporting, as most other states have done? Will you support bringing back Maryland's 6.25 % tax rate on income of more than \$1 million to allow upper income residents to contribute more to Maryland?

**Yes XX**

No

Comments:

**Maryland is in need of more progressive funding solutions to meet the greater need to spend capital on reinvesting in pre-k-12 education. I support closing loopholes and making Maryland's income tax more progressive.**

16. Do you plan to introduce or support legislation to provide protection for the Potomac, Chesapeake or other shared environments that have had federal funding for protection removed?

Yes **XX**                      No

Comments:

**Yes, I would support such legislation. I was honored to sponsor and defend the Maryland Defense Act of 2017, giving the Attorney General the authority to sue to protect Marylanders from harmful federal policy, including misguided and illegal actions by the EPA.**

17. What legislation and regulations can Maryland state government enact to protect our residents from the damage inflicted by Trump's federal government?

Comments:

**The Maryland Defense Act of 2017 is the best means of protecting us from the misguided policies of the Trump Administration.**

18. Do you support the creation of a progressive caucus in the state legislature?

Yes                              **No XX**

Comments:

**A progressive agenda has been supported by the Democratic caucus. I would build on that success in the current House structure.**

19. For the measures above that you have agreed to support would you be willing to:

- Co-sponsor legislation? YES  or NO
- Work with our Policy and Legislative Director to help pass a bill? YES  or NO
- Testify at a hearing in support of legislation? YES  or NO
- Speak at public events in support of legislation? YES  or NO
- Write a letter in support of legislation? YES  or NO
- Write an op-ed in support of legislation? YES  or NO

20. Would you be willing to engage with Progressive Maryland members and their communities by:

- Speaking at Progressive Maryland events?

YES  or NO

- Meeting with our membership annually to report on the progress of our shared priorities and answer questions from our members?

YES  or NO

- Writing a letter to unorganized workers endorsing an organizing drive by a labor union?

YES  or NO