



2022 MARYLAND PRIMARY ELECTION

Gubernatorial Candidate Survey

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PARTY	CANDIDATE	POVERTY ASSISTANCE	ABORTION FUNDING RESTRICTIONS	ENVIRONMENT	EDUCATION ASSISTANCE	PHYS.-ASSISTED SUICIDE BAN
MARYLAND GOVERNOR						
D	Jon Baron	Did not respond				
D	Peter Franchot	✓	X	✓	✓	X
D	Douglas F. Gansler	✓	X	✓	✓	X
D	Ralph Jaffe	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
D	Ashwani Jain	Did not respond				
D	John King	✓	X	✓	X	X
D	Wes Moore	Did not respond				
D	Tom Perez	✓	X	✓	X	X
D	Jerome M. Segal	Did not respond				
R	Dan Cox	X	✓	X	✓	✓
R	Robin Ficker	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
R	Kelly Schulz	Did not respond				
R	Joe Werner	Did not respond				

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2. **ABORTION.** Maryland is one of very few states that voluntarily direct state Medicaid funds to pay for all or most medically necessary abortions, which includes abortions performed to protect the mental health of the mother. The Maryland General Assembly should pass legislation to restrict the use of taxpayer dollars for abortion.
3. **ENVIRONMENT.** The State of Maryland should support initiatives such as tax credits or grant programs to encourage Maryland residents, businesses and non-profits to reduce their carbon footprint.
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2022 MARYLAND GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Why should Maryland Catholics vote for you to represent them as Governor?

PARTY	CANDIDATE	STATEMENT
MARYLAND GOVERNOR		
D	Peter Franchot	Throughout my career in public service, I have learned success through collaboration and cultivated the discipline to overcome challenges in order to pursue justice. I am running for Governor because I want to level the playing and improve the quality of life for all Marylanders. I have been a champion for citizens and communities whose voices have been ignored and encourage our businesses to be philanthropically engaged in our underserved communities-a core value of the Catholic traditions. I will always put the people over political rhetoric.
D	Douglas F. Gansler	I am running for governor to make Maryland safe. Crime is exploding, and as governor I will bring crime down and justice up. I am the only candidate in the race with a scintilla of experience in the criminal justice system. In fact, I devoted a 22-year career to reducing crime – first as a federal prosecutor, then as Montgomery County State’s Attorney, and then as Attorney General. I have prosecuted some of the worst criminals, including the Beltway Sniper, murderers, and child sex offenders. My Safe Maryland plan will put 1,000 more police officers on the street across the state, 10,000 street lights in Baltimore, and armed school resource officers (SRO's) in schools to keep our kids safe.
D	Ralph Jaffe	In 1992 - MOVEMENT started - bring real ETHICS in - get corruption out of political system. Journey for justice - made lots of progress past 30 years. Practicing what I preach, I’ve participated in 7 campaigns - candidate for governor or senator and 5 principles platform - no campaign contributions, serve 1 term, no salary, tell whole truth, avoid lobbyists. Results - over 42,000 votes - budget by design - \$1700 in campaigns from 2010 - 2018. Campaign contributions - disguised bribes. Instead - distribute money raised by politicians to poor and needy in MD. Best way to teach - action, not by words so MOVEMENT continues and I’m a Democratic candidate for governor
D	John King	As a Black Catholic, my worldview has been shaped by a deep concern for the liberation of the oppressed and a commitment to advancing social justice. I believe in the ability of government to be a force for good in people’s lives. As Governor, I will bring economic opportunity to everyone, treat health care and housing as human rights, and raise the minimum wage to be a living wage to combat poverty. I will work for Maryland families by guaranteeing universal affordable child care, investing in public transportation, and fairly implementing paid family leave.
D	Tom Perez	I am running for governor to bring jobs, justice, and opportunity to every Marylander. I’m a proud member of the “GSD” wing of the Democratic Party; I get stuff done. We have a once in a generation opportunity to make a positive impact for Marylanders who need it most, from victims of police violence, to seniors, to immigrant communities across the state. From serving on the Montgomery County Council to being the Secretary of Labor under President Obama, I will put my experience working at every level of government to work to meet the multifaceted challenges Maryland faces.
R	Dan Cox	As a husband and father of 10 children, my Catholic roots support protecting life, liberty and property. Our youth need tradition and morality, so I have advocated for and will expand school choice. Crime and the high Baltimore City murder rate is a national security issue, and I’ll work to end it, taking the cartels/gangs off the streets. I will protect the unborn from conception to natural death. I will restore freedom; mandates will be ended. Everyone is essential; our churches will never be shuttered by government; and I will order immediate tax relief. I humbly ask for your vote.

R	Robin Ficker	I need your mandate to give every Marylander a fiscal stimulus every day by cutting the state sales tax 2 cents or \$780 per yr/household. No state has ever cut its state sales tax. Delaware has no sales tax. We'll make MD business friendly. I will form a Jobs Strikeforce to visit large companies all of which have shunned Maryland while our MD Dept. of Commerce was sleeping. In the last few years Amazon, Apple, Boeing, Facebook/Meta, Google, Intel, Microsoft, Nucor Steel, Samsung, Taiwan Semiconductor, Tesla and Texas Instruments have built multi-BILLION dollar projects in other states, not MD.
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U.S. Congress District 1 Candidate Survey

The Maryland Catholic Conference invited primary-election candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives to respond (“agree” or “disagree”) to questions of interest to Catholics. Democratic and Republican candidate responses for this district are below. The full survey questions for each issue follow the table. All congressional and state candidate survey results are online at www.mdccatholic.org/elections along with other election information and links.

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PARTY	CANDIDATE	EDUCATION	POVERTY	ENVIRONMENT	HEALTH CARE	CONSCIENCE PROTECTION	IMMIGRATION
U.S. CONGRESS DISTRICT 1							
R	Andy Harris	Did not respond					
D	R. David Harden	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
D	Heather R. Mizeur	Did not respond					

PARTY	CANDIDATE	Why should Maryland Catholic vote for you to represent them in Congress?
D	R. David Harden	Our rural communities are struggling. In the last decade, four counties on the Eastern Shore have lost population and services. The growing digital divide has left many of our families out of the 21st century education system and job market. Many of our communities, particularly on the Eastern Shore, are at risk due to sea level rise. Neighborhoods across the district have experienced the direct effects of crime. I have worked at the nexus of economics and conflict for decades and will work aggressively for a stronger and more resilient economy, better schools, and safer communities.

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MARYLAND CATHOLIC CONFERENCE
2022 CANDIDATE SURVEY QUESTIONS | FULL TEXT

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2. **POVERTY.** The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) and other similar initiatives provide funding for millions of poor Americans who cannot afford to adequately feed themselves or their families. Congress should oppose attempts to reduce funding for these initiatives as a means of trimming budget deficits.
3. **ENVIRONMENT.** Congress should support initiatives such as tax credits or grant programs to encourage Maryland residents, businesses and non-profits to reduce their carbon footprint.
4. **HEALTHCARE.** Congress should reject structural changes to Medicaid, such as a per-capita cap or other provisions, which would leave millions of people that rely on Medicaid, including many children, at risk of losing access to health care. Any modification to the Medicaid system as part of health care reform should prioritize improvement and affordable access to quality care over cost savings.
5. **CONSCIENCE PROTECTIONS.** Congress should pass legislation, such as the Conscience Protection Act, to strengthen the enforcement of existing conscience protection laws by establishing a private right of action allowing providers who are discriminated against because of their refusal to perform, refer for or pay for abortions to defend their rights in court.
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2022 Maryland Primary Election U.S. Senate Candidate Survey

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U.S. SENATOR							
R	Chris Chaffee	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
R	George Davis	Did not respond					
R	Nnabu Eze	Did not respond					
R	Lorie R. Friend	Did not respond					
R	Reba A. Hawkins	Did not respond					
R	Jon McGreevey	Did not respond					
R	Joseph Perez	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
R	Todd A. Puglisi	Did not respond					
R	James Tarantin	Did not respond					
R	John Thormann	Did not respond					
D	Michelle L. Smith	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
D	Chris Van Hollen		✓	✓	✓		✓

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2022 UNITED STATES SENATE CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Why should Maryland Catholics vote for you to represent them in the U.S. Congress?

PARTY	CANDIDATE	STATEMENT
US SENATE		
R	Chris Chaffee	As a Catholic I have the utmost respect for life in every stage from conception to natural death. I am a husband, a father, a grandfather, a son of a veteran who fought for freedom for all Americans. As a Catholic business owner, I am very concerned about the direction of America. From a pandemic to a war in Ukraine, inflation out of control from gas food to baby formula shortages, we must look at the direction of America. We cannot keep the border wide open and have jobs, housing shortages in the future. I love all people, family, friends. We must increase the amount of legal immigration into America; at the same time build a safer path to come to America.
R	Joseph Perez	Having grown up poor, I understand that conservative values are effective in helping people rise out of poverty. I will work to create an environment of equal opportunity for all, so Marylanders can flourish and freely pursue the good. I support the following initiatives: improving children’s education; creating a strong police force and safe communities; making health care affordable and protecting the doctor-patient relationship; supporting our service men and women; and preserving our Constitution. I respect the dignity to the human person in all stages of the human life cycle.
D	Michelle L. Smith	I love the Lord and have been a follower since I was a little girl. I firmly believe in the word of God and will work diligently to promote a society that is acceptable to God.
D	Chris Van Hollen	I’ve worked successfully to bring Maryland key investments for our schools, infrastructure, the Bay, affordable health care and housing, seniors, and veterans. As Pope Francis urges us to foster a more just world, that call demands action on issues from poverty and income inequality to climate change and gun safety. We also must protect our democracy and end the hatred that threatens our future. I'm running for Senate to continue delivering for Maryland and uphold our values of justice, equality, and freedom. Note: 1 & 5 are blank because the format didn't allow for an explanation of my responses.



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D	Peter Franchot		✓	X	✓	✓	X
D	Douglas F. Gansler		✓	X	✓	✓	X
D	Ralph Jaffe		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
D	Ashwani Jain		Did not respond				
D	John King		✓	X	✓	X	X
D	Wes Moore		Did not respond				
D	Tom Perez		Did not respond				
D	Jerome M. Segal		Did not respond				
R	Dan Cox		X	✓	X	✓	✓
R	Robin Ficker		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
R	Kelly Schulz		Did not respond				
R	Joe Werner		Did not respond				
STATE SENATOR							
D	Mary-Dulany James	34	Did not respond				
D	Mary Ann Lisanti	34	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
R	Christian Miele	34	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
R	Walter "Butch" Tilley	34	X	✓	X	✓	✓
STATE DELEGATE							
D	Sarahia Benn	34A	Did not respond				
D	Steve Johnson	34A	Did not respond				
D	Andre V. Johnson, Jr.	34A	Did not respond				
R	Glen Glass	34A	Did not respond				
R	Shekinah Hollingsworth	34A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
R	David A. Martin	34A	Did not respond				
R	Teresa Walter	34A	Did not respond				
D	Gillian A. Miller	34B	✓	X	✓	✓	X
R	Jay M. Ellenby	34B	Did not respond				
R	Susan K. McComas	34B	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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2022 MARYLAND DISTRICT 34 CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Why should Maryland Catholics vote for you to represent them in the General Assembly?

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PARTY	CANDIDATE	DISTRICT	STATEMENT
STATE SENATOR			
D	Mary Ann Lisanti	34	Being raised in a Judeo-Christian household and named Mary Ann to honor the Blessed Mother and St. Anne, I believe in and practice the core values of the Church. I live my life in the service of others and for the Glory of God. I am a compassionate leader who is thankful for my gifts and work to provide hope in a challenging world. I pray for wisdom and endurance to overcome challenges. I am a creative problem solver who is a champion of justice. I seek peace and understanding in the community and the wisdom to make good decisions for the public. I am a lifelong Member of St. Patrick's.
R	Christian Miele	34	As a graduate of a Catholic high school, I am intimately familiar with and hold deep respect for Catholic teaching and thought. My strong faith has guided me to act as a servant leader for the vulnerable. I am a passionate defender of the sanctity of life and have consistently voted to protect the rights of the unborn. As a State Delegate, I earned a 100% Pro-Life rating from Maryland Right to Life, our state's leading advocacy organization for Life. In all things, my abiding faith and deep love for my neighbor will guide me to act as a better Christian. These are the qualities I'll bring to Annapolis as the next State Senator for all District 34 residents.
R	Walter "Butch" Tilley	34	With the potential of Roe v Wade being overturned by the Supreme Court, the abortion question will be sent to the states. I will fight for our unborn children, and fight against any legislation that does not promote the pro life agenda. I have been a Christian my entire life and plan on practicing a servant leadership style if fortunate enough to serve in the State Senate.
STATE DELEGATE			
R	Shekinah Hollingsworth	34A	As a devout Catholic, my core issues in this race include being fiercely pro life, giving aid to religious schools by working to make Maryland a fully School Choice state. I have a history of advocating for conservative causes, and have always supported equally conservative and pro life candidates.
D	Gillian A. Miller	34B	I am running to advocate for all individuals in my district regardless of political party, race, sexual preference or religion
R	Susan K. McComas	34B	I have a proven track record - I was a Commissioner for Town of Bel Air 15 years and Mayor on three separate occasions, I have served on the House Judiciary Committee for 20 years, sponsor of 23 bills passed into law, Member of Joint Ethics & Administrative Executive, Legislative Committees, understand the dynamics of the General Assembly, highly concerned with the leftist shift during the past term, truth is not valued, too much wokeness, propaganda, and lack of diversity of thought and inclusion in policy making, failure to include minority party in crafting good sustainable laws for everyone, failure to protect Baltimore City and its population from rampant crime.



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District 35 Candidate Survey

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MARYLAND GOVERNOR							
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D	Peter Franchot		✓	X	✓	✓	X
D	Douglas F. Gansler		✓	X	✓	✓	X
D	Ralph Jaffe		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
D	Ashwani Jain		Did not respond				
D	John King		✓	X	✓	X	X
D	Wes Moore		Did not respond				
D	Tom Perez		Did not respond				
D	Jerome M. Segal		Did not respond				
R	Dan Cox		X	✓	X	✓	✓
R	Robin Ficker		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
R	Kelly Schulz		Did not respond				
R	Joe Werner		Did not respond				
STATE SENATOR							
R	Michelle Christman	35	Did not respond				
R	Frank Esposito	35	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
R	Jason C. Gallion	35	✓	✓	X	✓	✓
STATE DELEGATE							
R	Mike Griffith	35A	✓	✓	X	✓	✓
R	Teresa Reilly	35A	Did not respond				
R	Kevin Bailey Hornberger	35B	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
R	Travis Marion	35B	Did not respond				
R	Adam Streight	35B	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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2022 MARYLAND DISTRICT 35 CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Why should Maryland Catholics vote for you to represent them in the General Assembly?

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PARTY	CANDIDATE	DISTRICT	STATEMENT
STATE SENATOR			
R	Frank Esposito	35	I always place God first in my life and try to make decisions based on what God's word directs us to do. I am pro-life and for traditional family values. In short, I am on God's side. Additionally, I am a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ. I try to exult Christ in my everyday life although I fall short many times. We now have the opportunity to elect a Godly man into office who will put the people first and be grateful of God's many blessings.
R	Jason C. Gallion	35	I have been an effective, conservative leader in the general assembly for the past four years. I have and will continue to stand up for my pro-life beliefs and oppose physician-assisted suicide legislation.
STATE DELEGATE			
R	Mike Griffith	35A	I am a conservative who supports religious freedom and has fought against every effort the state has made to interfere with church affairs from freedom of speech to schools. I have firmly opposed every abortion and assisted suicide law that has come before me. I will continue to fight for the independence of our churches. As a Christian, I will proudly continue to Stand up for Godly principles in all things.
R	Kevin Bailey Hornberger	35B	I would ask them to review my voting record and stances over the last eight years. I am asking for their support and vote.
R	Adam Streight	35B	As a 25-year veteran police officer, my priorities include providing a safe community to raise our families according to our own beliefs & conscience. Our Constitutional rights & freedoms can only be protected by the rule of law. This includes our 1st Amendment rights of free speech & religion, as well as our 2nd Amendment right to protect our homes & families. Being Pro-Life, the sanctity & dignity of each human that must be protected from the moment of conception. Our nation was founded on Biblical values which are vital to our way of life.



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District 36 Candidate Survey

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D	Ralph Jaffe		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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D	Tom Perez		Did not respond				
D	Jerome M. Segal		Did not respond				
R	Dan Cox		X	✓	X	✓	✓
R	Robin Ficker		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
R	Kelly Schulz		Did not respond				
R	Joe Werner		Did not respond				
STATE SENATOR							
R	Rick Bowers	36	✓	✓	X	✓	✓
R	Stephen S. Hershey, Jr.	36	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
R	Heather Lynette Sinclair	36	Did not respond				
STATE DELEGATE							
R	Steve Arentz	36	Did not respond				
R	Jeff Ghrist	36	Did not respond				
R	Jay A. Jacobs	36	Did not respond				

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2022 MARYLAND DISTRICT 36 CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

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PARTY	CANDIDATE	DISTRICT	STATEMENT
STATE SENATOR			
R	Rick Bowers	36	I will analyze legislation through the lens of Scripture, the Constitution and common sense.
R	Stephen S. Hershey, Jr.	36	As your State Senator, I've worked hard to keep families, businesses, and workers thriving during the pandemic. Last legislative session, I voted to protect the rights of the unborn, opposing two dangerous bills that would expand access to abortion. To make our communities safer, I co-sponsored the The Violent Firearms Offenders Act which would enhance penalties and make it a felony to use a stolen handgun when committing a crime. I strongly support a public education system that encourages and welcomes parental involvement at the administrative and classroom level. I support school choice.
STATE DELEGATE			
Candidates did not offer a statement			



2022 MARYLAND PRIMARY ELECTION

District 37 Candidate Survey

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MARYLAND GOVERNOR							
D	Jon Baron		Did not respond				
D	Peter Franchot		✓	X	✓	✓	X
D	Douglas F. Gansler		✓	X	✓	✓	X
D	Ralph Jaffe		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
D	Ashwani Jain		Did not respond				
D	John King		✓	X	✓	X	X
D	Wes Moore		Did not respond				
D	Tom Perez		Did not respond				
D	Jerome M. Segal		Did not respond				
R	Dan Cox		X	✓	X	✓	✓
R	Robin Ficker		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
R	Kelly Schulz		Did not respond				
R	Joe Werner		Did not respond				
STATE SENATOR							
D	Naomi Hyman	37	Did not respond				
R	Adelaide "Addie" Eckardt	37	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
R	Johnny Mautz	37	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
STATE DELEGATE							
D	Sheree Sample-Hughes	37A	Did not respond				
R	Donna Bradshaw	37A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
D	Susan E. Delean-Botkin	37B	Did not respond				
R	Nicole L. Acle	37B	Did not respond				
R	Christopher T. Adams	37B	✓	✓	X	✓	✓
R	Tom Hutchinson	37B	Did not respond				
R	Ron James	37B	Did not respond				

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STATE SENATOR			
R	Adelaide "Addie" Eckardt	37	I am running for a third Senate term to continue initiatives started to revitalize our Cambridge waterfront and provide resources for many of our vulnerable populations. I have experience getting legislation passed and working across the aisle. I have championed economic development, housing initiatives reduced costs for health care and funding for child care. I have served on the Budget and Tax committee and will continue as elected. Safe communities include addressing our wastewater systems in the rural area to make sure our water ways remain safe and productive.
R	Johnny Mautz	37	First and foremost, I am Catholic and regularly attend mass. My wife and I are blessed with two children, who are also Catholic. I am a member of the Knights of Columbus, serve on the Boards of the Neighborhood Service Center and Channel Marker, am a member of the Elks, Lions, and Rotary, and was personally selected by Speaker Busch to serve and represent the Eastern Shore on the House Study Group on Economic Stability. The Eastern Shore is where I grew up, my family and friends are here, and it's the place I love. I have served in the House of Delegates for the past eight years and have a strong voting record supporting Eastern Shore values and principles.
STATE DELEGATE			
R	Donna Bradshaw	37A	I am a conservative looking to bring some common sense to the legislative process in Maryland. I feel that our constituents are not well represented, their voices unheard in the capitol across the Bay. We are Marylanders too and we deserve representation that reflects our values and needs.
R	Christopher T. Adams	37B	It has been my honor to serve you as your State Delegate for two terms. I have fought hard to keep our taxes low and regulations to a minimum and to also preserve our shared Eastern Shore values. Please know that every vote I take, I also take through a filter of what is best for the Eastern Shore. With your support and vote, I will continue fighting for you, your family and your place of employment. I also want my children to be able work, start a business and raise a family here. I want them to be able to enjoy for their lifetime the incredible nature that God has made and that we call home.



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R	Dan Cox		X	✓	X	✓	✓
R	Robin Ficker		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
R	Kelly Schulz		Did not respond				
R	Joe Werner		Did not respond				
STATE SENATOR							
D	Michele Gregory	38	Did not respond				
R	Mary Beth Carozza	38	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
STATE DELEGATE							
D	Todd J. Nock	38A	Did not respond				
R	Charles James Otto	38A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
R	Carl L. Anderton, Jr.	38B	Did not respond				
R	Wayne A. Hartman	38C	Did not respond				

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R	Mary Beth Carozza	38	I live my faith through my public service. As a devout Catholic, I have been blessed with the gift of faith, a loving family, and opportunities to serve others at the state and federal levels of government. I consistently support policies that strengthen Maryland families and expand opportunities for young people to fulfill their potential. I also have a strong staff team who understand that constituent service is my top priority. On a personal note, I have been a fifth-grade Sunday School teacher at St. Mary Star of the Sea/Holy Savior parish in Ocean City, Maryland since 2004. I was humbled to be a past recipient of my parish's Volunteer of the Year award.
STATE DELEGATE			
R	Charles James Otto	38A	we share the same values for life.