

CORRUPTION BUSTERS #5

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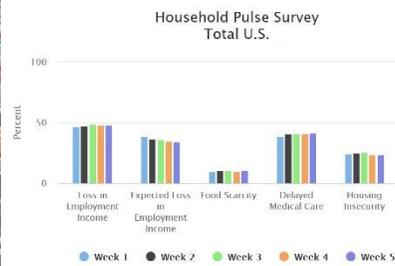
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GET MONEY OUT - MARYLAND, INC. (GMOM) is a group of volunteers trying to get big money out of our political system and make our elections fairer. By working to pass Maryland's [Democracy Amendment Resolution](#), we are pursuing a U.S. Constitutional amendment to guarantee every citizen's right to vote, reserve Constitutional rights for human beings, and regulate money in politics.

Fighting for Fair Elections and Exposing Corruption

Our nation is writhing with the pain of racial and economic inequality. Let's strive to ensure that these are the birth pains of a more equal society, one where The People – not corporations – rule. Now is the moment of opportunity. In more than 700 cities (Philadelphia depicted below), millions of us have acted on our commitment to fight racism. In Baltimore, the City Council President's aide said that by Thursday she had received 5,000 emails and over 300 calls from citizens speaking up about the police budget.



Excruciating Suffering Amidst Federal Paralysis

- More than [30 million](#) are still unemployed
- [35 million](#) never got their pandemic relief money
- The Congressional Oversight Panel [has no chairperson](#) and is passive.

The chart above from the U.S. Census Bureau's Pulse survey reveals the level of pain as of the week of May 28 - June 2. (Click on the image to see the full-sized graph online.)

- 48% of households had experienced a loss of employment income and 34% more expected to see a future loss.
- 10.7% of households had not have enough to eat.
- 23.7% of households either has missed a rent or mortgage payment or doubted they could meet the next payment.

Closer to home, unemployed [Marylanders are strangling](#) in red tape:

TAKE ACTION NOW

CLICK HERE to tell Congress:
**Human Need Not Corporate Greed
and Fair Elections, Too**

**Greedy special interests never stop lobbying Congress.
Now the Senate must hear from you!**

Why does our petition require your address and phone number? Our petition instantly emails your message to Congress, and Congress requires this information. We do not share your information with anyone.

The scattershot approach taken by Congress and the Administration raises serious risks that our economy will emerge from the pandemic with millions of failed businesses, more monopolies, and a massive transfer of wealth and power to the top. Our families will be poorer and less healthy. We must use the conduits of democracy to channel our frustration and anger into a coherent movement for racial, political, and economic equality.



Below is a comparison of the cumulative Federal pandemic response to the goals Get Money Out has adopted.

GOALS: Provide adequate financial aid and health care to all workers with as little bureaucracy as possible. Guarantee jobs and assure that small businesses can survive. Support the public health and health care systems with test kits, personal protective equipment, ventilators, and necessary supplies. Bolster the health and public health work forces.

Under the leadership of Mitch McConnell, the U.S. Senate has done [amazingly little](#) since January. This is a major reason why the United States has nearly the worst record on controlling the pandemic *and* leads advanced economies in human suffering.

GOAL: Strengthen accountability and transparency for CARES Act and any prior or subsequent relief plan.

What accountability?! The Assistant Treasury Secretary running the corporate bailouts has an unbelievable [conflict of interest](#). The Federal Reserve System [hasn't revealed](#) names of borrowers. Nor has the [Small Business Administration](#). Profitable firms paying [no U.S. tax](#) got coronavirus relief. [Hospitals](#) got bailouts and furloughed tens of thousands while paying C.E.O.s millions.

GOALS: Provide needed funding to the states and the U.S. Postal Service. Every voter must be able to choose to 1) vote by postage-paid mail or drop-off; or 2) vote in-person during an early voting period. States must receive \$2 to \$4 billion in federal aid to implement these options for the primary and general elections.

Congress has made no progress except that \$400 million in aid for the elections was included in the first CARES Act.

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Bonus Resources

- "Game Changer": Federal judge [strikes down](#) Florida poll tax.
- [Research from the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco](#) shows still more clearly the link between economic inequality and financial-crisis risk. "This paper deploys exhaustive research across decades in 17 countries based on correlations of inequality, productivity, credit growth, and crises...". **A growing income share for the top one percent is the best predictor of a crash.**
- Trump [ends disclosure](#) for non-profits that funnel dark money to sway elections.
- Maryland Rep. [Steny Hoyer](#) wants to convene House on police reforms - gets major donations from police unions. Also, Police reform stalled in New York as [cash flowed](#) to Gov. Cuomo and Democratic legislative leaders.
- [Police unions spend big](#) on local political races and wield clout to stop reform.

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GMOM Teleconference Monday, June 15, 7:30 pm

Two ways to join the conference

1) Dial 1 301 715 8592, meeting ID: 931 3066 2622. Call 410-624-6095 for the password.

2) [Click](#) on your device if you have downloaded the app from [Zoom](#).

Meeting Agenda

1) Our continuing campaign to expose corruption and win fair elections. 2) Using the Congressional campaign to promote a Democracy Amendment to the Constitution. 3) Political contributions by Maryland's police unions. 4) Performance of Maryland Elections Administrator.



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