



# 2020 U.S. CONGRESS DISTRICT 8

Every presidential election year, the Maryland Catholic Conference surveys the state's candidates for U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives about their positions regarding issues of interest to Catholics. The responses of the Democratic and Republican primary candidates are below. The candidates were asked to either "Agree" or "Disagree" with a list of issue statements. A blank response to a statement means the candidate did not choose a position on that issue. To find your legislative district and view responses from all of Maryland's candidates: [www.mdccatholic.org/legislatorlookup](http://www.mdccatholic.org/legislatorlookup). **Candidates were given the opportunity to provide a brief statement at the end of the survey on why Maryland Catholics should vote for them. Those comments are available at: [www.mdccatholic.org/elections](http://www.mdccatholic.org/elections).**

**ELECTION DAY: JUNE 2**

**BALLOT DROP OFF: MAY 21 - JUNE 2**

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the State of Maryland has implemented voting by mail. Each eligible voter should receive a ballot via the mail. Ballots may be dropped off at designated centers from MAY 21 to JUNE 2.

**Answer Key**

✓ = Agree | ✗ = Disagree | Blank = No response  
D = Democrat | R = Republican | (\*) = Incumbent

Column titles briefly describe issue topics. Please refer to the statement below corresponding to the number at the top of each column when reviewing candidates' responses.

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	Educational Options	Poverty Assistance	Access to Healthcare	Conscience Protections	Immigration			
House	D	Marcia H. Morgan	8	DID NOT RESPOND				
House	D	Utam Paul	8	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
House	D	Jamie Raskin*	8	DID NOT RESPOND				
House	D	Lih Young	8	DID NOT RESPOND				
House	R	Gregory Thomas Coll	8	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
House	R	Bridgette L. Cooper	8	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓
House	R	Nicholas Gladden	8	DID NOT RESPOND				
House	R	Patricia Rogers	8	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗
House	R	Shelly Skolnick	8	✓	✓	✓	blank	✓
House	R	Michael Yadeta	8	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓

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## CANDIDATE SURVEY STATEMENTS

The Maryland Catholic Conference does not endorse or oppose any candidate, under any circumstance, and no inference of endorsement or opposition should be concluded as a result of the information provided here.

- 1. EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS** Congress should enact legislation that supports the ability of low-income families to choose the education best suited to their children's needs, such as tax credits for business donations to organizations that provide scholarships for K-12 students to attend nonpublic schools.
- 2. POVERTY.** The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) and other similar initiatives provide funding for millions of low-income Americans who cannot afford to adequately feed themselves or their families. Congress should oppose attempts to reduce funding for these, and similar anti-poverty initiatives through budget cuts.
- 3. HEALTHCARE.** Congress should reject structural changes to Medicaid, including changing the program into a block grant to the states, which would leave millions of people who rely on Medicaid at risk of losing access to health care. Any modification to the Medicaid system should prioritize improvement and affordable access to quality care over cost savings.
- 4. CONSCIENCE PROTECTIONS** Congress should pass legislation 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.
- 5. IMMIGRATION.** Congress should pass comprehensive, bipartisan immigration reform providing a path to citizenship for undocumented persons in the U.S., while preserving family unity and restoring due process protections to enforcement policies.

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