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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) **no later than 5 P.M. on Friday, January 26, 2018**. Your responses will be available to the public at [www.ProgressiveMaryland.org](http://www.ProgressiveMaryland.org)

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### Candidate Information

Candidate Last Name:

\_\_\_\_\_ Beidle \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate First Name:

\_\_\_\_\_ Pamela \_\_\_\_\_

Office Seeking:

\_\_\_\_\_ Senate

District: 32

Party: Democrat

**Campaign Contact Information**

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**Candidate History**

**Previous Elected Offices:**

Anne Arundel County Council, District 1, 1998 to 2006

House of Delegates, District 32, 2007 to present

**Which Years Did You Serve:** see above

**Have you ever received an endorsement from Progressive Maryland?**

YES \_\_\_\_\_ or NO  \_\_\_\_\_

If Yes, when: Not sure

**Have you ever assisted Progressive Maryland in achieving its goals?**

YES  \_\_\_\_\_ or NO \_\_\_\_\_

**Describe:**

I have voted for legislation that was important to Progressive Maryland

**Major Endorsements (Elected Officials/Organizations/Opinion Leaders):**

Teachers Association of Anne Arundel County

The League of Conservation Voters

Prior Elections" FOP, Firefighters, Sun Paper, Capital Gazette, Realtors

## **Issue Questions**

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

Yes

No

Comments: I supported this legislation in 2017

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: \$1.00 each year until current salaries are reached and I will support indexing.

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 need more detailed information before taking a position on this issue.

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: I think three weeks notice is difficult for a small business, but I do support paying them something if called in and no employee should work back-to-back shifts.

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

No

Comments:

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

No

Comments: I have supported the equal pay bills and will continue to do so.

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            No

Comments: As a small employer for 38 years I always accommodated an employees limitations and allowed sick leave to be used for family health issues as well as the employee.

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                      No

Comments: I do not support late term abortion.



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

Comments: I am not sure how to pay for it, but we need to figure that out.

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

No

Comments: We will have bills this session that will address some of these issues.

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

Support

Oppose

Comments: I support Charter Schools that are approved by local Board of Education regulation. Anne Arundel County has used Charter Schools when our community schools are over-crowded.

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

Comments: I oppose vouchers because we have a great public school system and vouchers undermine our public schools. If constituents want to send their children to private schools, it is their choice. But taxpayers should not pay for private school.

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

Yes

No

Comments: I will support making community colleges free for all in-state students.

14. Will you support the Trust Act?

Yes

No

Comments: I did vote for the Trust Act

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

No

Comments:

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

No

Comments: I have served the Environment and Transportation Committee for 12 years and I understand importance of protecting these treasures.

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

Comments: We can continue to fund CHIP, Medicaid, and protect our environment. We have also give our Attorney General more power to protect our citizens.

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

Yes

No

Comments:

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