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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

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 **no later than 5 P.M. on Friday, January 26, 2018**. Your responses will be available to the public at www.ProgressiveMaryland.org

Candidate Information

Candidate Last Name:

Boyce

Candidate First Name:

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Office Seeking:

House of Delegate

District:

District 43

Party:

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Candidate History

Previous Elected Offices:

None.

Which Years Did You Serve:

n/a

Have you ever received an endorsement from Progressive Maryland?

YES ____ or NO ____

If Yes, when:

Have you ever assisted Progressive Maryland in achieving its goals?	YES _____ or NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____
Describe:	
Major Endorsements (Elected Officials/Organizations/Opinion Leaders): I have support from several elected officials and opinion leaders who have yet to formally announce their support.	

Issue Questions

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

Yes No

Comments:

People should not sit in jail solely for lack of funds. One's danger to the community, not their ability to satisfy a cash bail requirement, should determine whether someone charged with a crime is detained before trial.

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:

For many residents in Baltimore City, it is critical that the fight for \$15 also include a fight for job training for low-skilled workers who most need that wage but who may lack the skills necessary to compete for it.

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:

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:

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 support HB 512 to prohibit employers from relying on a job applicant's salary history and to require employers to provide a pay scale for a position at the request of an applicant. I also will fight for stronger family leave policies, which I believe will bolster equality in the workplace.

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:

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:

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:

People need healthcare. While Maryland has made progress under the Affordable Care Act a more holistic and universal approach is needed. There is no easy path in that direction, however, and which is why its supporters call for the issue to be studied further. SB878 / HB1312 (Health insurance - Medicaid Buy-In Task Force) does this, as does the plan unveiled by Ben Jealous.

Maryland already does a good job controlling costs under its All Payer model. Paying for universal care does not mean spending less, but spending differently, moving it away from administration and bureaucratic duplication and towards direct medical care as well as a full spectrum of preventative strategies to increase healthy outcomes.

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:

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

Support Oppose

Comments:

Charter schools have promised outcomes substantially better than public systems but, in general, have not delivered. I support innovation within public systems, but reform efforts that leave those systems behind usually leave behind the children who have no choice but to attend them, including many children in the 43rd district.

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:

Vouchers decimate public school budgets with a save-yourself strategy, and are not a long-term strategy for equitable education for all children.

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

Yes No

Comments:

14. Will you support the Trust Act?

Yes No

Comments:

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 X

No

Comments:

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

I strongly support the **Maryland Defense Act of 2017** which gives additional power to the Attorney General to protect our residents from the Trump's federal government. Maryland can also take regulatory action at the state level to counter rollbacks and the EPA, and seek to replace potential cuts to housing funding likely to emerge from HUD.

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

Yes X

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_x____ or NO____
- Meeting with our membership annually to report on the progress of our shared priorities and answer questions from our members? YES_x____ or NO____
- Writing a letter to unorganized workers endorsing an organizing drive by a labor union? YES_x____ or NO____