

**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

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| **Candidate Information** | | |
| Candidate Last Name:  \_Tarlau\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | |
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| Candidate First Name:  \_\_Jimmy\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | |
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| Office Seeking:  \_\_\_\_\_Delegate\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | |
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| Party:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Democratic\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | |
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| **Campaign Contact Information** | | |
| Committee Name:  \_\_\_\_Friends of Jimmy Tarlau\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | |
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| Treasurer Name:  Jodi Beder\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | |
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| **Candidate History** | | |
| Previous Elected Offices:  Maryland State Delegate  Mount Rainier City Councilman | | |
| Which Years Did You Serve:  Maryland State Delegate – 2015-2018  Mount Rainier City Councilman – 2007-2014 | | |
| Have you ever received an endorsement from Progressive Maryland? | YES\_\_\_X\_\_ or NO\_\_\_\_\_ | |
| If Yes, when:  2014 | | |
| Have you ever assisted Progressive Maryland in achieving its goals? | | YES\_\_X\_\_\_ or NO\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Describe:  I was on the PM Board for many years and worked to help build the organization.  I helped get the CWA to affiliate with PM  As a legislature I have been an advocate of almost all of PM’s legislative priorities | | |
| Major Endorsements (Elected Officials/Organizations/Opinion Leaders):  Congressman Anthony Brown  Former Congresswoman Donna Edwards  Mount Rainier Mayor Malinda Miles, N Brentwood Patrella Robinson, Brentwood Mayor Rocio Tremino-Lopez, Landover Hills Mayor Lee Walker, Bladensburg Mayor Keisha James  County Councilwomen Danielle Glaros and Deni Taveras  LCV, Sierra Club, MSEA | | |

**Issue Questions**

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

Yes - X No

Comments:

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 X No

As soon as possible. 2020 would be a good date. Yes on indexing

Comments:

3. Do you support public financing of State Senate and Delegate races similar to systems enacted in Montgomery County and Howard County?

Yes X 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 X No

Comments: Yes to all the questions

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 X No

Comments: I have introduced and been the lead sponsor of legislation to expand collective bargaining rights to all local government employees.

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 X No

Comments: I haven’t seen any specific legislation this year but will support all legislation in this regard.

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 X 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 X

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 X No

Comments: I have been focusing on corporate loopholes that would give MD another $200 million in revenue. I am not sure of the cost of this but would be interested in a new millionaire’s tax on other ways to raise revenue from health insurance and pharmaceutical companies.

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 X No

Comments:

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

Support Oppose X

Comments:

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 X

Comments: I am a firm believer in our public education system and believe that all state revenues are needed to support our public schools and not for private schools

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

Yes X No

Comments:

14. Will you support the Trust Act?

Yes X 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 X No

Comments: Yes on both questions

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?

Comments: There are so many. I am focusing on taxes and have introduced legislation to make sure that the Republican estate tax giveaway increasing the exemption to $11.2 does not also affect Maryland. We have to de-couple the Maryland Estate Tax from the Federal Estate Tax.

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

Yes X No

Comments: In fact I have been the main organizer of a a informal progressive caucus in the House of Delegates called the Book Club.

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| 19. For the measures above that you have agreed to support would you be willing to: | |
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| * Co-sponsor legislation? * Work with our Policy and Legislative Director to help pass a bill? * Testify at a hearing in support of legislation? * Speak at public events in support of legislation? * Write a letter in support of legislation? * Write an op-ed in support of legislation? | YES\_\_X\_\_\_ or NO\_\_\_\_\_  YES\_\_\_X\_\_ or NO\_\_\_\_\_  YES\_\_\_X\_\_ or NO\_\_\_\_\_  YES\_\_\_X\_\_ or NO\_\_\_\_\_  YES\_\_\_X\_\_ or NO\_\_\_\_\_  YES\_\_X\_\_\_ or NO\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 20. Would you be willing to engage with Progressive Maryland members and their communities by: | |
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| * Speaking at Progressive Maryland events? * Meeting with our membership annually to report on the progress of our shared priorities and answer questions from our members? * Writing a letter to unorganized workers endorsing an organizing drive by a labor union? | YES\_\_X\_\_\_ or NO\_\_\_\_\_  YES\_\_X\_\_\_ or NO\_\_\_\_\_  YES\_\_\_X\_\_ or NO\_\_\_\_\_ |
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