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2018 Questionnaire for United States Congress

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 19, 2018**. Your responses will be available to the public at www.ProgressiveMaryland.org

Candidate Information

Candidate Last Name: **Manno**

Candidate First Name: **Roger**

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District: **MD-06**

Party: **Democrat**

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Treasurer Name: **Mary Helen Spear**

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Candidate History	
Previous Elected Offices: Maryland House of Delegates, 2007-2011 Maryland State Senate, 2011-present	
Which Years Did You Serve: 2007-present	
Have you ever received an endorsement from Progressive Maryland?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or NO <input type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, when: 2006 (House of Delegates), 2010 (State Senate), 2014 (State Senate)	
Have you ever assisted Progressive Maryland in achieving its goals?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Describe: I have been and continue to be a staunch ally and coalition partner of Progressive Maryland and numerous members of the Progressive Maryland Board. My work has been extensive, including strategic legislative and policy guidance and advocacy, coalition building, introduction of bill and amendments, rallies, picket lines, etc. In addition, during my earlier years in the legislature, when Progressive Maryland was “scoring” legislators, I was consistently rated among the highest of lawmakers, including being named “Champion of Working Families” on more than one occasion.	

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

INSTITUTIONAL ENDORSEMENTS

- **Food and Water Action Fund (Food and Water Watch)**
- **National Nurses United**
- **United Food and Commercial Workers (400, 27 and 1994)**
- **Service Employees International Union (500 and 32BJ)**
- **Communication Workers of America - Maryland State Council (all Maryland locals)**
- **Teamsters (including Cumberland Local 453, Hagerstown Local 992, and all Maryland Joint Councils)**
- **Baltimore Washington Building and Construction Trades (C.H.O.I.C.E)**
- **LiUNA Baltimore-Washington Labor Council**
- **International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (22 and 868)**
- **International Association of Fire Fighters - Maryland**
- **Fraternal Order of Police - Maryland**
- **United Association (UA) International**
- **United Association (Locals 5, 486, 489, 602, 669)**
- **International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers (SMART)**
- **International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (26, 24 and 307)**
- **International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council 51**
- **International Union of Elevator Constructors**
- **Heat and Frost Insulators and Allied Workers Local 24**
- **International Union of Operating Engineers Local 77**
- **International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers**
- **Among others**

ELECTED OFFICIALS

- **This list is not yet publicly released, but includes dozens of members of the Maryland House of Delegates and State Senate, Maryland county and municipal officials, member of Congress, former United States Senator Joseph Tydings, among others.**

Issue Questions

1. Do you support a \$15/hour minimum wage for all workers?

Yes **X** No

Comments: **I also support a minimum wage higher than \$15.00.**

2. Do you support the “Millions of Jobs” infrastructure resolution?

Yes **X** No

Comments: **I also support former Congressman John Conyers’ universal employment legislation - “Full Employment and Training Act”.**

3. Will you work to protect and strengthen workers’ ability to organize in the workplace?

Yes **X** No

Comments: **In addition to legislation, I continue to work shoulder to shoulder with workers and unions to advance worker and workplace rights, including participating in picket lines, organizing drives, petitions, letters and interventions to and with employers.**

4. Do you support the People’s Budget?

Yes **X** No

Comments: **I continue to support budgets that advance and prioritize programs for hard working families, seniors on fixed incomes, and those who desperately needs government to level the playing field and assist them in their struggle into the middle class.**

5. Do you support single-payer healthcare?

Yes **X** No

Comments: **Universal single-payer health care is the issue that is most important to me, and has been my driving passion throughout my career in government service. I was an early organizer for Congressman**

Conyers' HR676 during its inception and drafting (my close friend Joel Segal drafted the legislation), and I literally walked the legislation through the halls of Congress for co-sponsors. At the request of Congressman Conyers, after being elected to the House of Delegates I organized state legislators from across the nation in support of universal single-payer health care. Also at the request of Congressman Conyers, I was appointed to the national Leadership Conference for HR676, and was the sole "single-payer" health care advocate on President Obama's White House Working Group of State Legislators for Health Reform. Through that working group, I sat a door away from President Obama's Oval Office and drafted provisions of legislation that would become the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. In that capacity, my specific focus was establishing a right to not be denied care because of a preexisting condition, which I advised the White House to frame/message as "health care discrimination."

6. How will you work to prevent the repeal or weakening of the Affordable Care Act?

Comments: **In any and every way possible. The ACA is and always has been the bridge to universal single-payer health care. While we continue to build the politics and votes to pass single-payer, the ACA provides the necessary care for millions of Americans with preexisting conditions, and other necessary protections.**

7. 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 Congress to bring women to parity with their male colleagues?

Yes **X** No

Comments: **There are numerous bills to bring women into parity with men, none more important than passage of the Equal Rights Amendment. In 2012, I was among a small delegation of advocates (I was the highest ranking elected official in that delegation) to walk the halls of Congress to pass the Equal Rights Amendment. During that advocacy, we successfully secured a U.S. Senate sponsor -- Senator Ben Cardin. In the Maryland legislature, I have been steadfast in supporting measures that guarantee equal pay for equal work, including co-sponsoring Maryland's Equal Pay for Equal Work law, among many other measures to guarantee equal treatment and empowerment of women.**

8. Are there any instances in which the federal government 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: **I am 100 percent pro-Choice. In the legislature, I passed budget amendments that increased and protected reproductive health care funding, and successfully lobbied U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius in 2011 to recognize women's birth control and reproductive services as medically necessary preventative health services, guaranteed under the Affordable Care Act. Government has no place intervening in the care of women, other than to guarantee the sanctity of the relationship between a woman and her doctor. As the author of the first legislation in the nation to require disclosures**

that Crisis Pregnancy Centers are not health providers, and as the author of the new Pregnant and Parenting Teen law in Maryland, I am completely committed to the fundamental rights of women to determine their own informed health care decisions, and guarantees against unfair policies that inhibit or in any way undermine Choice.

9. Do you support the Universal Childcare Resolution?

Yes ☒ No

Comments: **Absolutely.**

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

Yes ☒ No

Comments: **I oppose state and federal funding of charter schools.**

11. If you are running for the House, would you support the Government By the People Act sponsored by Rep. John Sarbanes?

Yes ☒ No

Comments: **I continue to oppose big money in politics, and I support a range of reforms, beginning with overturning *Citizens United v. FEC*, implementing public financing, and ending corporate funding loopholes, among many other necessary reforms.**

12. Do you support the Debt-Free College Resolution?

Yes ☒ No

Comments: **As I have in Annapolis, I continue to support free community college, aggressive assistance with loan repayments and debt forgiveness, and workforce training / apprenticeship training programs to increase workforce opportunities for all Americans.**

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

Yes ☒ No

Comments: **I was pleased to join my colleagues in Annapolis to reject the current money bail system in Maryland, and will continue that advocacy and action on both the state and federal levels.**

14. Do you support the Fix 96 Resolution? Will you support candidates for Frederick County Sheriff who seek to end involvement with the 297g program?

Yes **X** No

Comments: **As former Senior Counsel to Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, the Ranking Member of the U.S. House of Representatives Immigration Subcommittee of the Judiciary Committee, I continue to strongly oppose racist immigration policies, and the imposition of state or local law enforcement facilitating federal immigration policies.**

15. Do you support the Climate Change Resolution supported by the Congressional Progressive Caucus?

Yes **X** No

Comments: **Climate Change is an existential threat that must be addressed. I am proud to hold the longest 100 percent environmental rating of any legislator in Maryland (House and Senate) by the Maryland League of Conservation Voters. In addition to “scored votes,” as Senate Chair of the AELR Committee, I stopped Governor Hogan’s regulations that would have allowed fracking on October 1, 2017, authored the law that removed coal from the Clean Energy grant program, and authored the new electric vehicle charging and rebate program, among many other measures to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels and reduce the effects of Climate Change.**

16. The entirety of CD 6 draws drinking water from the Potomac River. Though they receive less attention, natural gas pipelines leak just as frequently as oil pipelines and pose major risks to the environment and our health. What will you do to prevent the natural gas pipeline currently being proposed by TransCanada?

Comments: **Tricky. At the moment, this is a federal FERC / state MDE administrative permitting approval process, and state ethics laws clearly prohibit members of the legislature from directly intervening in a judicial, quasi-judicial or administrative decision. If this becomes a *regulatory issue*, as fracking did, it will inevitably come before the committee that I chair – the AELR Committee – during which I will have direct jurisdiction. Please note that when Governor Hogan’s fracking regulations came before my committee, I used the full authority of my chairmanship to unilaterally stop those regulations. Had I not done so (long before we banned fracking), the Governor’s regulations would have allowed fracking in Maryland on October 1st, 2017.**

17. Do you support H.R. 3671 Off Fossil Fuels for a Better Future Act?

Yes **X** No

Comments: **Please note that I have been endorsed by Food and Water Action, which is the architect of H.R. 3671. I support a transition to CLEAN renewable fuel while preserving 100 percent of those jobs. In addition to solar, geothermal and wind, I am particularly focused on American made hydrokinetic turbine technologies in coastal applications.**

18. For the measures above that you have agreed to support would you be willing to:

- Sponsor legislation? YES ___**X**___ or NO_____
- Work with our Policy and Legislative Director to help pass a bill? YES ___**X**___ or NO_____
- Speak at public events in support of legislation? YES ___**X**___ or NO_____
- Write an op-ed in support of legislation? YES ___**X**___ or NO_____

19. 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____