

U.S. SENATE CANDIDATE COMPARISON - MARYLAND

A Nonpartisan Resource for Voters in the 2024 Election

Catholic Social Justice teaches that we have a responsibility to participate in politics out of a concern for and commitment to the common good. We are called to engage with openness and empathy, inform ourselves about the issues of the day, partake in serious conversations about our nation’s future, and **vote**.

Here is where the Maryland U.S. Senate candidates stand on the issues.

We invite you to consider this information prayerfully.

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Election Day:
Tuesday,
November 5th

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FREEDOM TO LIVE ON A HEALTHY PLANET	<p>Yes. <u>Urgent action</u> is necessary to address the climate crisis." Climate change, is "<u>an existential threat</u> for all of our families and children." <u>Supports</u> Biden climate change laws, including <u>\$369 billion</u> in clean energy spending and funding to <u>reduce</u> greenhouse gases.</p>	<p>Environment Should addressing climate change be a top priority?</p>	<p>Mostly yes. <u>Adopted</u> Biden’s <u>Better Climate Challenge</u>, and <u>joined</u> the U.S. Climate Alliance. Let Maryland’s <u>Clean Energy Jobs Act</u> become law without his signature. <u>Preferred</u> his <u>plan</u>, featuring nuclear energy. <u>Canceled</u> the Baltimore mass transit Red Line with \$300M already invested; shifted state funds to roads.</p>
	<p>Increase. <u>Supports</u> "critical investments into our future economy to ensure businesses [can] compete with companies around the globe." Advocates for "<u>investing in humans</u>": "When I think about true economic opportunity, I think about things like a Child Tax Credit."</p>	<p>Economy Decrease or increase government investment in, and regulation of, the economy?</p>	<p>Mixed. "<u>Instead of</u> more reckless government spending, our plan demands real fiscal responsibility." As governor, "<u>eliminated or rewrote</u> thousands of job-killing regulations." In 2021 <u>asked Congress</u> to speed up approval of infrastructure projects.</p>
FREEDOM FROM HARM	<p>Tighten. "<u>Current</u> gun laws are inadequate." <u>Supports</u> universal background checks and closing the gun show loophole; would ban military-style weapons and bump stocks. <u>Supports</u> "red flag" laws.</p>	<p>Gun Laws Loosen or tighten gun regulations?</p>	<p>Mixed. <u>Relaxed</u> rules on concealed handguns after a U.S. Supreme Court ruling. <u>Vetoed</u> tougher background checks on gun transfers. <u>Let</u> a "ghost guns" ban take effect without signing it. <u>Signed</u> a "red flag" law.</p>
	<p>Expand. As county executive, <u>appointed</u> the county’s first LGBTQ liaison to link the community to resources. <u>Supported</u> same-sex marriage rights in Maryland. "Will <u>continue</u> to stand up for" LGTBQ rights. "Will... oppose... efforts to <u>undermine equality</u>." <u>Opposes</u> anti-transgender legislation.</p>	<p>LGBTQ Rights Limit or expand rights for LGBTQ+ people?</p>	<p>Mixed. <u>Let</u> LGBTQ protections become law without his signature. <u>Let</u> a ban on the anti-LGBTQ "<u>panic</u>" defense become law without his signature. <u>Signed a ban</u> on "gay conversion therapy" for minors. <u>Opposed</u> a transgender rights law in 2014 while accepting the state’s same-sex marriage law.</p>
	<p>"<u>Believes</u> in the need for comprehensive changes that promote safety, justice, and equity for all residents." <u>Implemented</u> reforms enhancing police accountability. "<u>Everyone has</u> the right to feel secure" in their homes, schools, businesses.</p>	<p>Criminal Justice How to ensure effectiveness and fairness in law enforcement?</p>	<p><u>Boosted</u> police funding, calling it "re-fund the police." <u>Vetoed</u> police reform bills, including body-camera mandates and limits on "no-knock" warrants. <u>Let a bill</u> become law without his signature that created a state unit to investigate police-involved deaths.</p>

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FREEDOM TO BE HEALTHY	Increase. “ Healthcare is a fundamental right... As Senator, I will work to defend and build upon the Affordable Care Act.” Supports universal paid family and medical leave policies.	Health Care Increase or decrease government support for health care?	Mostly increase. Defended the Affordable Care Act against a 2017 proposal to repeal it. In 2018 signed a bill to strengthen publicly supported health care. Vetoed partially paid family medical or care leave.
FREEDOM TO LIVE IN A WELCOMING COUNTRY	Supports: Supports “comprehensive immigration reform” with “a pathway to citizenship” for those already living in the U.S. Backs a path to permanent residence for DACA participants. Allow undocumented immigrants to get a driver’s license and “legally commute to work.”	Immigration Defend the right to asylum and support a path to citizenship for DACA participants brought to the U.S. as children?	Mixed: “ Our open southern border is a humanitarian catastrophe that is harming communities and wreaking havoc.” Supports “bipartisan, commonsense solutions.”
FREEDOM TO PARTICIPATE IN A VIBRANT DEMOCRACY	Easier. Supports legislation to enforce voting rights and expanding voting access.	Voting Rights Make voting harder or easier?	Mixed. Let voting legislation become law without his signature, including expanded vote-by-mail , expanded early voting , and automatic voter registration. Vetoed voting rights for released felons.
FREEDOM TO CARE FOR OURSELVES AND OUR FAMILIES	Easier. Is “ committed to protecting workers’ rights.” Supports a bill to strengthen collective bargaining rights and protect the right to organize.	Labor Make it easier or harder for unions to organize?	Harder. Vetoed bills to expand collective rights for college employees. In 2016 called teachers’ union leaders “thugs.”
	Yes. Supports increasing the minimum wage to \$15; “believes it should be done federally.” Would index the minimum wage to inflation so it rises with the cost of living.	Minimum Wage Raise federal minimum from \$7.25/hour?	Unclear. No position found on the federal minimum wage. Vetoed raising Maryland’s minimum wage to \$15; proposed raising to \$12.10 per hour instead.
	Yes. Supports Biden’s student loan forgiveness plan and “improving access to low interest student loans.” Would expand Pell Grants to assist low-income students.	Student Financial Aid Support lowering interest on student loans and/or forgiving them?	No. Biden’s plan is “a really bad idea at the worst possible time.” Supported student loan tax credits , scholarships , and capping tuition growth as other solutions.
	Raise. “ We need leaders who [will] make big corporations pay their fair share.” Would raise the corporate tax rate to create more equity and allow economic growth “that benefits more people in the middle.”	Taxes Raise or lower taxes on corporations and wealthier individuals?	Likely lower. Supported the 2017 Trump tax cuts, which included the largest corporate cut in US history.