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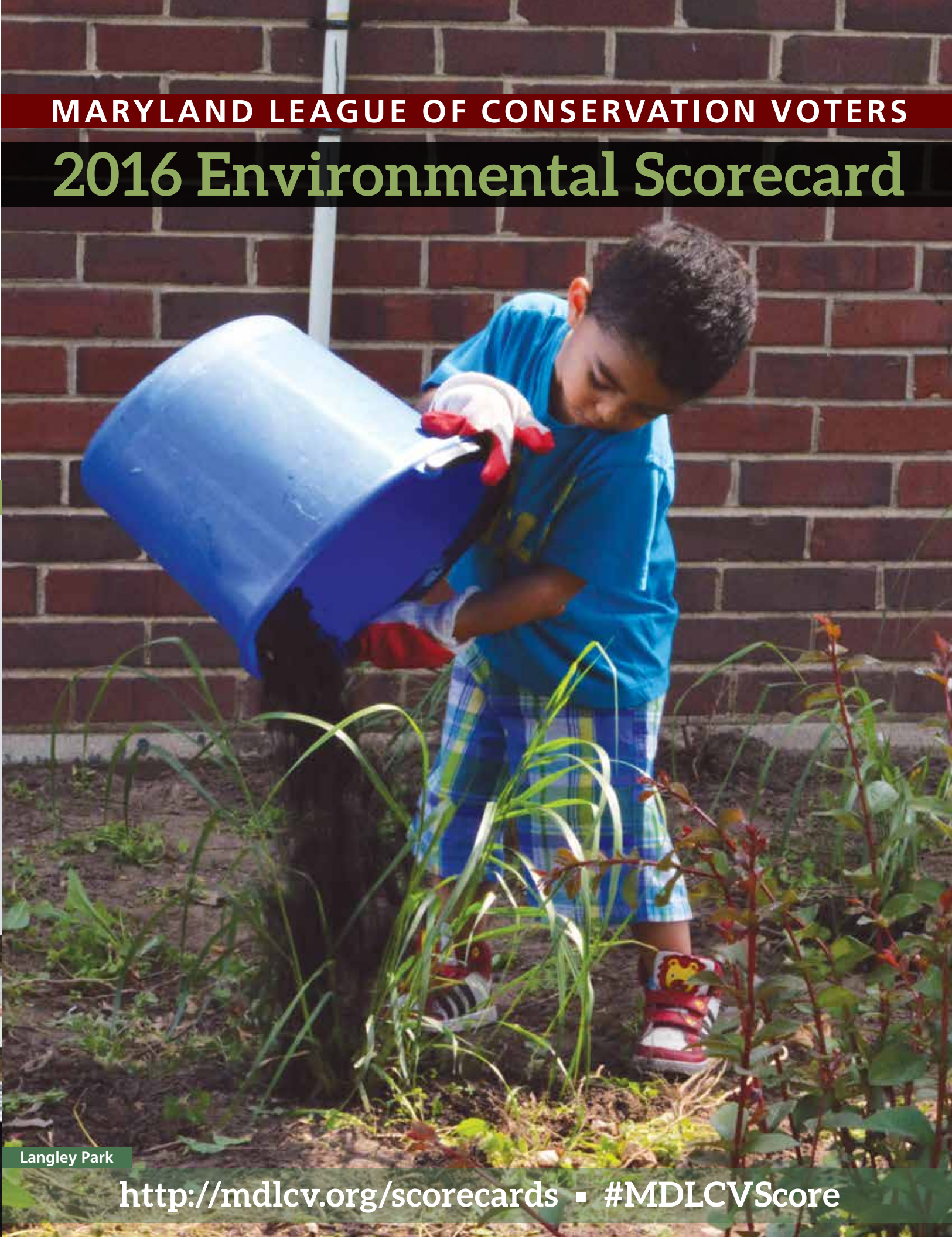


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MARYLAND LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS 2016 Environmental Scorecard



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This year, did your elected legislators vote to:

- Invest in a clean energy economy and combat climate change?
- Protect our food supply, natural resources and the health of the Chesapeake Bay?
- Support transparency in government and enhanced community engagement?

The Maryland LCV 2016 Environmental Scorecard helps to answer these questions. It is an important tool to gauge how your elected officials represented your values as a Maryland conservation voter. We urge you to use this information in your dialogue with legislators: thanking them for their pro-environment votes, and holding them accountable when they chose otherwise.

The 2016 scorecard tells a complicated story. On one hand, there were landmark victories in the General Assembly which positioned Maryland as a national leader on the issues of pesticides and climate change. On the other, legislation failed that would have helped in cleaning waterways and providing an opportunity for underserved communities to have their voices heard and health protected in a more meaningful way. Further, numbers can never represent the give and take essential in our democracy. In some cases, high-scoring elected officials pushed for damaging legislation that conservation advocates successfully scuttled before a vote. In others, low-scoring members provided helpful actions behind the scenes that are not reflected in their scores. We continue to look for ways to celebrate the unsung heroes of the General Assembly, and to

work with members to reach our common goal of a stronger, cleaner Maryland.

The 2016 Session of the Maryland General Assembly saw a record number of bills introduced, driven by the record number of freshmen legislators. While many of these bills were relevant to our environment in some way, those considered here were deemed most significant by a majority vote of the Maryland League of Conservation Voters Board of Directors.

As you use this document to measure the actions of our public servants, do so with the knowledge that at this juncture in the environmental history of our state, nation, and world, each successive legislative session is more important to our future than the one before. Maryland League of Conservation Voters will again need your voice and your support as we move our clean-air, clean-water, healthy-families agenda forward in 2017.

For a more in-depth look at the votes we scored, as well as past voting records, please go to www.mdlcv.org. We urge you to read our full online scorecard, use our interactive map, and, most importantly, contact your legislators to voice your opinion.



College Park

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Bill Graveyard

Every year, many more bills are introduced than actually ever see a vote in Committee or on the floor of either chamber. Some of these bills are noteworthy for either their potential threat to environmental policy, or their potential benefit.

Farebox Recovery Rate—Repeal (Delegate Lierman)
HB 891 sought to correct a policy that requires that a certain amount of operating costs for the Maryland Transit Authority vehicles must be recovered by paid fares. This regressive program leads to increased fares and disincentivizes routine maintenance and upgrades to the State's bus fleet, ultimately discouraging public-transit ridership. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee without a vote.

Keep Antibiotics Working Act (Senator Nathan-Pulliam, Delegate S. Robinson)
SB 607/HB 829 would have limited non-therapeutic use of antibiotics in livestock, a practice which diminishes the effectiveness of life-saving drugs in both human and animal populations. Caught in the partisan cross-fire of a debate on an unrelated issue, this bill died in the Environment and Transportation Committee without a vote.

Poultry Litter Management Act (Senator Madaleno, Delegate Lam)
SB 496/HB 599 required that poultry integrators take responsibility for excess manure for which growers could not

find a market. The bill gained significant support and had robust hearings in both chambers, but ultimately never received a vote. We hope to continue the conversations on the issues raised by this—and previous—bills to find an equitable solution to the challenges of agricultural run-off and nutrient management.

Prince George's County—Forest Conservation Act (Prince George's County Delegation)
HB 1197 would have established a dangerous precedent by creating a first-of-its-kind project exemption from the Statewide Forest Conservation Act. After several weeks of procedural delays, the bill received a strong majority vote from the Prince George's County Delegation. We are grateful for our allies who resisted significant pressure and voted against this destructive legislation in Delegation, and who succeeded in keeping it from receiving a vote in the Environment and Transportation Committee.



Annapolis

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You can find your legislators' environmental scores for the 2016 Maryland General Assembly in these tables. Visit <http://mdlcv.org/scorecards> to learn the story behind the numbers.



Thurmont

Floor Votes

Clean Energy Jobs Act

(Senator Pugh, Delegate Frick)

SB 921/HB 1106 increases the amount of energy the state derives from renewable sources (Renewable Portfolio Standard) to 25% by the year 2020. The Economic Matters Committee worked diligently to reach a compromise that allowed the bill to move to a Floor vote. The leadership of the Senate sponsor to negotiate a critical workforce

development component pushed the bill over the finish line, demonstrating the economic benefit of environmental protection. The bill was vetoed by the Governor and will be subject to an override vote in 2017.

Community Clean-up and Greening Act of 2016

(Senator Ramirez, Delegate Lierman)

HB 31 prohibited the distribution of plastic bags for free at point-of-sale in retail. Despite significant support from many community, business, and faith leaders, as well as legislative supporters and strong citizen pressure, the bill received an unfavorable vote by the Environment and Transportation Committee under pressure from labor and manufacturing interests.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Act

(Senator Pinsky, Delegate Barve)

SB 0323/HB 0610 reauthorized the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Act, first passed in 2009, and expanded its scope to a 40% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from the state by the year 2025. This bill passed with a wide bipartisan majority, and with the urging of all six Climate Commission secretaries, and was one of the first bills signed into law by Governor Hogan in 2016. The overwhelming support of this legislation demonstrates the progress made in the past six years since its initial, controversial passage.

Pollinator Protection Act

(Senator Nathan-Pulliam, Delegate Healey)

SB 0198/HB 0211 implemented a ban on residential sale and use of neonicotinoid pesticides. Maryland became the first state

in the country to pass legislation of this kind. The bill passed with significant bipartisan support, including from rural regions, despite resistance from agro-business interests. The bill was allowed to go into law without the Governor's signature.

Program Open Space—Transfer Tax Repayment

—Use of Funds (The Hogan Administration)

HB 462 passed both chambers unanimously and with very little discussion once two similar but not identical bills were consolidated. The House vote on the Appropriations Committee was unanimous, however the inclusion of their Committee vote reflects their hard work in finding a compromise under the Governor's proposed legislation.

Reducing Environmental Degradation for the

Underserved through Community Engagement

(Senator Ramirez, Delegate Lam)

SB 398 required community engagement by affected low-income and/or minority communities, when specific permit-types were being sought through the Department of Environment. The bill faced sharp dissent by organized labor and died with little discussion in the Senate Environment, Health and Educational Affairs Committee.

Maryland Open Transportation Investment Decision

Act of 2016 (Delegate Beidle)

HB 1013 requires ranking of public transit projects according to priority criteria in order to provide transparency of public spending, and requires an explanation if lower-priority projects are fast-tracked above higher-priority proposals. The bill passed both chambers in February, with a gubernatorial veto and an override on strict party lines in the last days of session.

Sustainable Oyster Population and Fishery Act of 2016

(Senator Manno, Delegate Frush)

SB 0937/HB 1603 mandates a study to determine biological parameters for a sustainable oyster harvest. The eleventh hour passage of this bill illustrates the triumph of bipartisan cooperation towards environmental conservation on a bill whose public hearing and subcommittee discussion showcased rancorous partisan and geographic divides. The House Environment and Transportation Committee worked intensely in the final days of the Session to find a solution supportable by both parties, as well as by the environmental advocacy community.

The Senate

District	Name, Party	2016 Score	Score since 2003*	Committee Score	SB 921	SB 0323	SB 0198	HB 0462	HB 1013
1	George C. Edwards, R	40%	37%	0/0	-	+	-	+	-
2	Andrew A. Serafini, R	20%	26%	0/0	-	-	-	+	-
3	Ronald N. Young, D	84%	88%	0/1	+	+	+	+	+
4	Michael J. Hough, R	20%	16%	0/0	-	-	-	+	-
5	Justin Ready, R	20%	22%	0/0	-	-	-	+	-
6	Johnny Ray Salling, R	33%	43%	0/1	-	+	-	+	-
7	J.B. Jennings, R	20%	22%	0/0	-	-	-	+	-
8	Katherine Klausmeier, D	100%	74%	0/0	+	+	+	+	+
9	Gail H. Bates, R	33%	14%	0/1	-	+	-	+	-
10	Delores G. Kelley, D	100%	73%	0/0	e	+	+	+	+
11	Bobby A. Zirkin, D	100%	85%	0/0	+	+	+	+	+
12	Edward J. Kasemeyer, D	100%	73%	0/0	+	+	+	+	+
13	Guy Guzzone, D	100%	95%	0/0	+	+	+	+	+
14	Craig J. Zucker, D	100%	96%	1/1	+	+	+	+	+
15	Brian J. Feldman, D	100%	86%	0/0	+	+	+	+	+
16	Susan C. Lee, D	100%	96%	0/0	+	+	+	+	+
17	Cheryl C. Kagan, D	100%	100%	1/1	+	+	+	+	+
18	Richard S. Madaleno, Jr., D	100%	93%	0/0	+	e	+	+	+
19	Roger Manno, D	100%	100%	0/0	+	+	+	+	+
20	Jamie Raskin, D	100%	98%	0/0	+	+	+	+	+
21	Jim Rosapepe, D	100%	98%	1/1	+	+	+	+	+
22	Paul G. Pinsky, D	100%	99%	1/1	+	+	+	+	+
23	Douglass J. J. Peters, D	100%	86%	0/0	+	+	+	+	+
24	Joanne C. Benson, D	100%	90%	0/0	+	+	+	+	+
25	Ulysses Currie, D	100%	76%	0/0	+	+	+	+	+
26	C. Anthony Muse, D	80%	65%	0/0	+	+	+	+	-
27	Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., D	100%	79%	0/0	+	+	+	+	+
28	Thomas M. Middleton, D	80%	75%	0/0	+	+	-	+	+
29	Steve Waugh, R	33%	50%	0/1	-	+	-	+	-
30	John C. Astle, D	100%	74%	0/0	+	+	+	+	+
31	Bryan W. Simonaire, R	50%	40%	0/1	-	+	+	+	-
32	James E. DeGrange, Sr., D	100%	59%	0/0	+	+	+	+	+
33	Edward R. Reilly, R	20%	29%	0/0	-	-	-	+	-
34	Robert C. Cassilly, R	40%	40%	0/0	-	-	+	+	-
35	Wayne Norman, R	20%	28%	0/0	-	-	-	+	-
36	Stephen S. Hershey, Jr. R	20%	27%	0/0	-	-	-	+	-
37	Adelaide C. Eckardt, R	40%	40%	0/0	-	+	-	+	-
38	James N. Mathias, Sr., D	60%	74%	0/0	+	+	-	+	-
39	Nancy J. King, D	100%	86%	0/0	+	+	+	+	+
40	Catherine E. Pugh, D	100%	79%	0/0	+	+	+	+	+
41	Lisa A. Gladden, D	100%	88%	0/0	e	+	e	e	e
42	James Brochin, D	80%	88%	0/0	+	+	+	+	-
43	Jean Carter Conway, D	84%	90%	0/1	+	+	+	+	+
44	Shirley Nathan-Pulliam, D	84%	91%	0/1	+	+	+	+	+
45	Nathaniel J. McFadden, D	100%	76%	0/0	+	+	+	+	+
46	Bill Ferguson, D	100%	94%	0/0	+	+	+	+	+
47	Victor R. Ramirez, D	100%	95%	0/0	+	+	+	+	+

KEY TO TABLES
+ Pro-environment vote
- Anti-environment vote
a Absence (counts as negative)
e Excused absence
* See www.mdlcv.org for lifetime score



Rockville

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The House

District	Name, Party	2016 Score	Score since 2003*	Committee Score	HB 1106	HB 0610	HB 1013	HB 0211
1A	Wendell R. Beitzel, R	40%	45%	1/1	-	-	-	+
1B	Jason C. Buckel, R	0%	14%	0/0	-	-	-	-
1C	Mike McKay, R	40%	33%	1/1	-	-	-	+
2A	Neil Parrott, R	0%	14%	0/0	-	-	-	-
2A	William J. Wivell, R	33%	33%	1/2	-	-	-	+
2B	Brett Wilson, R	0%	14%	0/0	-	-	-	-
3A	Carol L. Krimm, D	100%	100%	1/1	+	+	+	+
3A	Karen Lewis Young, D	100%	100%	0/0	+	+	+	+
3B	William Folden, R	17%	20%	1/2	-	-	-	-
4	Kathy Afzali, R	0%	27%	0/0	-	-	-	-
4	Barrie S. Ciliberti, R	40%	44%	1/1	-	-	-	+
4	David E. Vogt, III, R	60%	44%	1/1	-	+	-	+
5	Susan W. Krebs, R	25%	35%	0/0	-	-	-	e
5	April Rose, R	0%	14%	0/0	-	-	-	-
5	Haven Shoemaker, R	0%	29%	0/0	-	-	-	-
6	Robin L. Grammer, Jr., R	0%	22%	0/1	-	-	-	-
6	Robert B. Long, R	0%	14%	0/0	-	-	-	-
6	Ric Metzgar, R	0%	14%	0/0	-	-	-	-
7	Rick Impallaria, R	0%	16%	0/1	-	-	-	-
7	Pat McDonough, R	0%	25%	0/0	-	-	-	-
7	Kathy Szeliga, R	33%	19%	1/2	-	e	-	-
8	Eric M. Bromwell, D	75%	76%	0/0	+	+	-	+
8	John W.E. Cluster, Jr., R	0%	19%	0/0	-	-	-	-
8	Christian Miele, R	75%	86%	0/0	+	+	-	+
9A	Trent Kittleman, R	0%	14%	0/0	-	-	-	-
9A	Warren E. Miller, R	0%	9%	0/1	-	-	-	-
9B	Robert L. Flanagan, R	50%	58%	1/2	+	+	-	-
10	Benjamin Brooks, D	100%	100%	1/1	+	+	+	+
10	Jay Jalisi, D	83%	91%	1/2	+	+	+	+
10	Adrienne A. Jones, D	100%	93%	1/1	+	+	+	+
11	Shelly Hettleman, D	100%	100%	1/1	+	+	+	+
11	Dan K. Morhaim, D	100%	97%	0/0	e	+	+	e
11	Dana Stein, D	83%	91%	1/2	+	+	+	+
12	Eric Ebersole, D	100%	100%	0/0	+	+	+	+
12	Terril L. Hill, D	100%	100%	0/0	+	+	+	+
12	Clarence K. Lam, D	100%	100%	2/2	+	+	+	+
13	Vanessa E. Atterbeary, D	100%	100%	0/0	+	+	+	+
13	Shane E. Pendergrass, D	100%	93%	0/0	+	+	+	+
13	Frank S. Turner, D	100%	93%	0/0	+	+	+	+
14	Anne R. Kaiser, D	100%	92%	0/0	+	+	+	+
14	Eric G. Luedtke, D	100%	92%	0/0	+	+	+	+
14	Pam Queen, D	100%	100%	0/0	+	+	+	+
15	Kathleen M. Dumais, D	100%	92%	0/0	+	+	+	+
15	David Fraser-Hidalgo, D	100%	100%	2/2	+	+	+	+
15	Aruna Miller, D	100%	93%	1/1	+	+	+	+
16	C. William Frick, D	100%	96%	1/1	+	+	+	+
16	Ariana B. Kelly, D	100%	100%	0/0	+	+	+	+
16	Marc Korman, D	100%	100%	1/1	+	+	+	+
17	Kumar P. Barve, D	83%	89%	1/2	+	+	+	+
17	Jim Gilchrist, D	100%	92%	2/2	+	+	+	+
17	Andrew Platt, D	100%	100%	0/0	+	+	+	+
18	Alfred C. Carr, Jr., D	100%	95%	2/2	+	+	+	+
18	Ana Sol Gutierrez, D	100%	99%	1/1	+	+	+	e
18	Jeff Waldstreicher, D	100%	96%	1/1	+	+	+	+
19	Bonnie Cullison, D	100%	100%	0/0	+	+	+	+
19	Benjamin F. Kramer, D	100%	90%	1/1	+	+	+	+

District	Name, Party	2016 Score	Score since 2003*	Committee Score	HB 1106	HB 0610	HB 1013	HB 0211
19	Marice Morales, D	100%	100%	0/0	+	+	+	+
20	Sheila E. Hixson, D	100%	92%	0/0	+	+	+	+
20	David Moon, D	100%	100%	0/0	+	+	+	+
20	William C. Smith, Jr., D	100%	100%	0/0	+	+	+	+
21	Ben Barnes, D	100%	94%	1/1	+	+	+	+
21	Barbara Frush, D	100%	92%	2/2	+	+	+	+
21	Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk, D	100%	94%	0/0	+	+	+	e
22	Tawanna P. Gaines, D	100%	94%	1/1	+	+	+	+
22	Anne Healey, D	100%	93%	2/2	+	+	+	+
22	Alonzo T. Washington, D	100%	93%	0/0	+	+	+	+
23A	Geraldine Valentino-Smith, D	100%	95%	1/1	+	+	+	+
23B	Marvin E. Holmes, Jr., D	83%	89%	1/2	+	+	+	+
23B	Joseph F. Vallario, Jr., D	100%	88%	0/0	+	+	+	+
24	Erek L. Barron, D	100%	100%	0/0	+	+	+	+
24	Carolyn J. B. Howard, D	100%	92%	0/0	+	+	+	+
24	Michael L. Vaughn, D	100%	83%	1/1	+	+	+	+
25	Angela Angel, D	75%	86%	0/0	a	+	+	+
25	Darryl Barnes, D	100%	100%	0/0	+	+	+	+
25	Dereck E. Davis, D	100%	94%	1/1	+	+	+	e
26	Tony Knotts, D	67%	83%	1/2	+	+	+	-
26	Kriselda Valderrama, D	100%	89%	1/1	+	+	+	+
26	Jay Walker, D	100%	86%	0/0	+	+	+	+
27A	Susie Proctor, D	75%	75%	0/0	+	a	+	+
27B	Michael A. Jackson, D	100%	100%	1/1	+	+	+	+
27C	Mark N. Fisher, R	0%	12%	0/1	-	-	-	-
28	Sally Jameson, D	80%	67%	1/1	+	+	+	-
28	Edith J. Patterson, D	100%	100%	0/0	+	+	+	+
28	C. T. Wilson, D	100%	81%	1/1	+	+	+	+
29A	Matthew Morgan, R	0%	14%	0/0	-	-	-	-
29B	Deborah C. Rey, R	0%	14%	0/0	a	-	-	-
29C	Anthony J. O'Donnell, R	33%	21%	1/2	-	+	-	-
30A	Michael E. Busch, D	100%	94%	0/0	+	+	+	+
30A	Herb McMillan, R	50%	47%	0/0	-	+	-	+
30B	Seth A. Howard, R	0%	22%	0/1	-	-	-	-
31A	Ned Carey, D	60%	75%	0/1	-	+	+	+
31B	Nicholas R. Kipke, R	25%	49%	0/0	-	-	-	+
31B	Meagan C. Simonaire, R	50%	50%	0/0	-	+	-	+
32	Pamela Beidle, D	83%	88%					