Did your legislators vote to:
- Finish the job of restoring the Chesapeake Bay and our waterways?
- Invest in a clean energy economy and create new jobs?
- Protect our communities to ensure healthier families?

Our 2014 Environmental Scorecard answers those questions and shows which legislators represented your values and which ones didn’t. We urge you to closely review the Scorecard and see how your legislators performed.

This year, legislators failed to act on several priorities identified by the environmental community around fracking, environmental justice, and increasing the state’s renewable portfolio standard. Bills in these areas were either defeated or bottled up by committee chairs.

But some important victories were secured. Twenty bills were defeated that would have weakened local programs to control polluted runoff. Governor Martin O’Malley, House Speaker Mike Busch, and Chairs Senator Joan Carter Conway and Delegate Maggie McIntosh demonstrated exceptional leadership in blocking those rollbacks. Legislators expanded our state wildlands and took a significant step to ensuring access to information on pesticides. Moreover, even as key legislative priorities went down in defeat, legislators recognized and acknowledged the need for future action on these issues. The stage has been set for 2015 and we need to work together to hold legislators accountable.

Since few votes were cast this session, we invite you to pay particular attention to lifetime scores, as they are a percentage of total correct votes cast over a legislators’ tenure.

For a more in-depth look at the votes we scored—including those taken in legislative committees—and past voting records, please go to MDLCV.org to read our full online scorecard, use our interactive map to see how your area stacks up to the rest of the state, and contact your legislators.

For over 35 years, the non-partisan Maryland LCV has served as the political voice for the environment. We advocate for sound conservation policies, promote environmentally responsible candidates, and hold elected officials accountable through our scorecards and reports.

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Bill Dead Zone

Committees kill dozens of pro-environment bills before most legislators even have a chance to vote on them. Ask your legislators to ensure those bills from the dead zone in 2015

Environmental Justice (Senator Ronzen, Delegates Swan and Turner): SB 706/HB 1210 would have required Maryland to conduct a cumulative impact assessment of individual permit’s impact on the environment and on communities under certain circumstances before granting permits. After being weakened in the Senate, this bill died on the last day of session in the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Fracking (Senator Young and Delegate Mizeur): SB 745/HB 1022 would have provided legislators and the public time to consider the risks of fracking and then make an informed decision on whether to allow fracking in Maryland. This bill died in the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee for the second year in a row.

Cleaner Power, Brighter Maryland (Senators Madaleno and Pinsky, Delegate Barnes): SB 733/HB 1149 would almost double Maryland’s renewable energy requirement from 25% by 2020 and 40% by 2025. This bill failed to receive a vote in either chamber.

To learn more about the 2014 session, visit www.mdlcv.org/scorecards

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Signed by the Governor.

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#### Wildlands

Governor O’Malley:

The bill has not designated wildlands since 2002. The bill passed both chambers and was signed by the Governor.

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Upper Marlboro

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