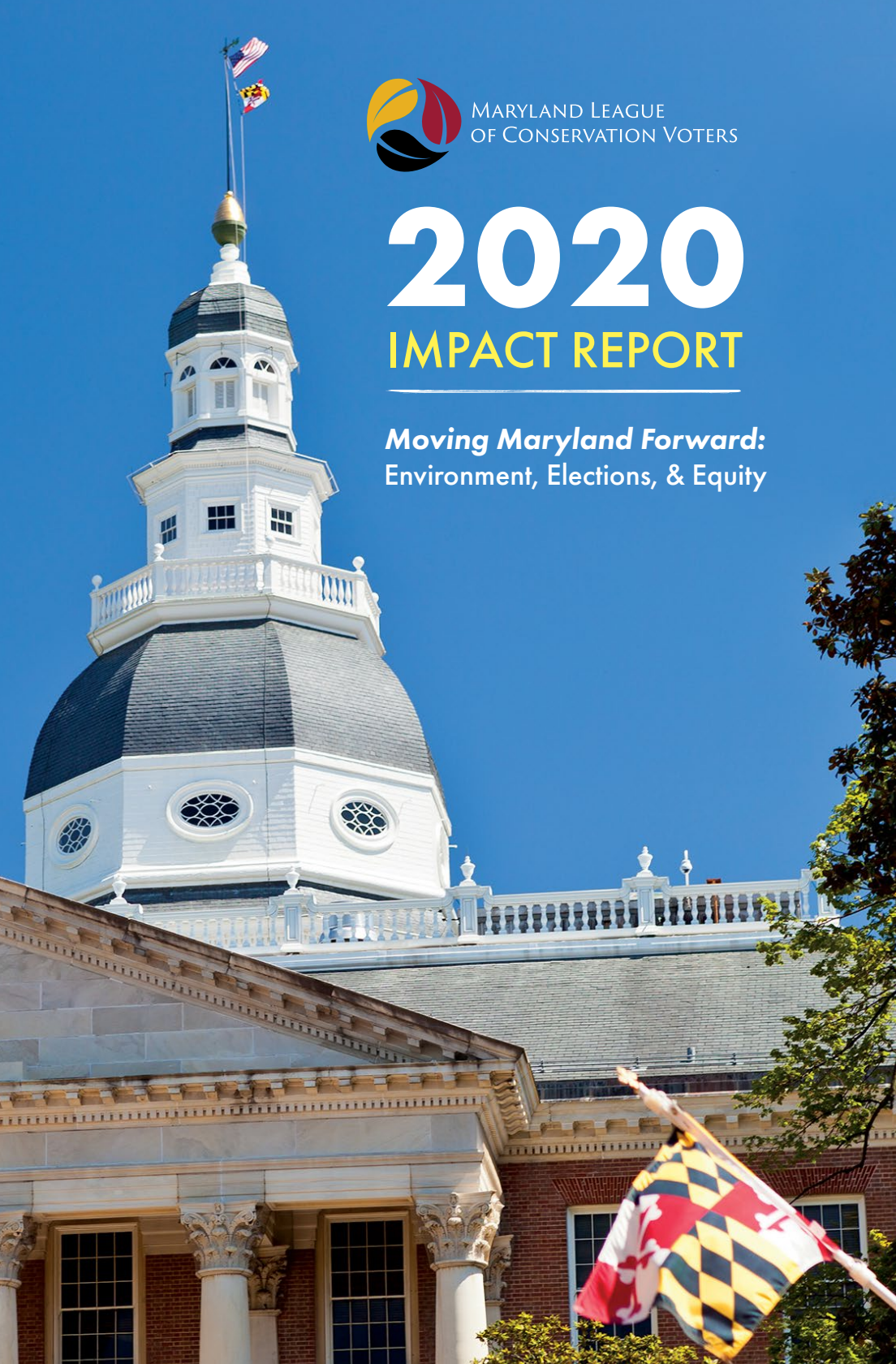

Maryland League of Conservation Voters

2020 IMPACT REPORT

Moving Maryland Forward:
Environment, Elections, & Equity

Together, We Will Make Maryland a Climate Innovation and Equity Leader

I am proud to present Maryland LCV's 2020 Impact Report, "Moving Maryland Forward," which highlights the tremendous statewide advances we achieved together.

Thank you! Your support and participation enabled us this year to address our state's most pressing environmental issues through a strategic and synergistic focus on elections and equity.

Even though the 2020 legislative session was cut short by the Covid-19 pandemic, Maryland LCV catalyzed significant progress toward a clean and healthy environment. With your generous support, we advocated for bills to reduce the impact of climate change; increase funding for clean and reliable transit; and restore oysters and protect the Chesapeake Bay. We issued a revised and enhanced Environmental Scorecard to hold our elected officials accountable for their votes on our top priority environmental issues. And we are putting the finishing touches on a new strategic plan that aligns us even more squarely with our core priorities of Environment, Elections, and Equity.

The 2021 legislative session will find us laser focused on fighting climate change by reducing pollution from the transportation sector (the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Maryland), advancing environmental justice legislation, and demanding accountability and action from our elected leaders.

With your continued support, we will use our political force to address the state's environmental and equity challenges. By working together, we can achieve a protected, resilient environment that advances the health and prosperity of all Marylanders.

Kim Coble
Executive Director

Moving Maryland Forward: By the Numbers

8,737 Messages delivered to elected officials from Maryland LCV supporters demanding environmental action.

64 Organizations we rallied to advocate against Maryland Department of Transportation budget cuts to transit systems.

31,313 Dollars raised by our Chispa Maryland program for Langley Park Civic Association's Covid-19 Emergency Relief Fund to support families impacted by the pandemic.

101 Legislative bills we analyzed in compiling our revised and strengthened 2020 Environmental Scorecard.

200 Organizations that Maryland LCV staff led or supported through various environmental coalitions.

12 Legislative districts represented during Chispa Maryland's advocacy and lobby day with our new faith-community partner, Maryland Catholics for Our Common Home.

104 Donors who gave for the first time to Maryland LCV during 2020. Can you spread the word to help us increase this number?!

With your support, in the past year, Maryland LCV:

Played a key advisory and advocacy role as Frederick County passed the state's strongest county-level forest conservation bills, which will establish "no net loss" of forests and serve as a model for other Maryland counties.

Achieved legislative success on providing local jurisdictions funds they can use to address climate change impacts, protecting the oyster populations, and banning chlorpyrifos, even in a General Assembly session that was cut short (for the first time since the Civil War!).

Led advocacy efforts directed at Congress among Maryland conservation groups in the passage of the landmark Great American Outdoors Act, which will provide crucial funding to address National Park backlogs and enhance local green space protection.

Revised our Environmental Scorecard to raise the bar on accountability, including giving F grades to the General Assembly in the key areas of transportation and climate change.

Ensured strong equity components were encompassed in key policy and legislative efforts, including the Transportation and Climate Initiative, a regional collaboration that seeks to reduce pollution from the state's leading source of carbon emissions.

Catalyzed a broad statewide effort to replace polluting diesel school buses with electric buses – a movement that began when Chispa Maryland launched its Clean Buses for Healthy Niños campaign in 2017.

Reached more than 250,000 Marylanders through *Your Vote, Our Future*, a multimedia civic engagement campaign to boost voter turnout for the general election, including extensive digital and radio outreach to Spanish-speaking communities.

Served as leaders in developing statewide solutions to fight climate change impacts, with a focus on promoting job growth while advancing policy and equity.

Maryland LCV is a trusted resource on environmental issues and one of the most effective environmental advocates in the General Assembly.

– ***Maggie McIntosh***
Chair, Appropriations Committee, Maryland House of Delegates

Maryland LCV is ensuring we have elected officials who will stop the devastating effects of the climate crisis and address environmental justice issues.

– ***Ed Hatcher***
Board Chair, Maryland LCV

With Chispa Maryland's help, we are taking the lead in protecting the health of our families and our community.

– ***Norberto Martinez***
Executive Director, Langley Park Civic Association

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Your gift makes a difference! Donations from individuals are the critical funding source for our work to hold elected officials accountable, endorse pro-conservation candidates, and advocate for smart and effective environmental laws and policies. We simply could not do our important nonpartisan legislative and political action without you.

Please renew your investment in Maryland LCV today at MDLCV.org.

By working together, we will achieve a healthy, equitable, and resilient environment for all people in Maryland!

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