



2026 Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name: Dana Stein

Position: Delegate

District: 11B

What are your unique strengths for this position? What committee(s) would you like to serve on and why?

My legislative experience and ability to listen and build coalitions. In addition to being a good legislator, I believe that my office and I are effective at responding to constituent needs. I have always served on the environmental committee (first Environmental Matters, now Environment and Transportation Comm.) and have been chair of the Environment Subcommittee since 2020.

What legislation would you introduce/sponsor to address economic inequality in Maryland?

Maintaining strong support for the Blueprint is a key means for addressing economic inequality in Maryland, as well as increasing public transit and expanding the earned income tax credit.

What would you do to address the impacts of climate change in Maryland and how would you encourage growth without degrading our environment and natural resources?

I have led on climate change issues for more than 10 years, including my House leadership of the Climate Solutions Now Act (2022) serving on the MD Commission on Climate Change, and sponsoring such climate bills as HB 1350 in 2018 (Sea Level Rise Inundation and Coastal Flooding - Construction, Adaptation, and Mitigation). The best way to encourage growth without degrading the environment is transit-oriented development.

What legislation would you introduce and/or sponsor to ensure Marylanders' rights and wellbeing in the face of current federal policies? Please address protections for women, the LGBTQ+ community, and all populations under threat.

I am a co-sponsor of HB444, which prohibits state and local governments from being allowed to enter into 287(g) agreements with ICE. I also was a co-sponsor of last year's HB 1222 (Public Safety - Immigration Enforcement) and was sponsor of HB 23 (2021) (Personal Information - State and Local Agencies - Restrictions on Access (Maryland Driver Privacy Act)). Maryland must do all it can to protect immigrants, members of the LGBTQIA community, and other vulnerable communities. I have also been a strong pro-choice supporter and supporter of efforts to keep guns away from domestic abusers.



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How do you plan to address the funding shortfall that will soon reach Maryland due to Federal budget cuts to education, infrastructure, disaster response (FEMA) and others?

Attorney General Anthony Brown has done an excellent job in challenging unlawful cuts in State funding and grants from the federal government. The legislature must provide all the support requested by the AG's office for this purpose. Also, I support "uncoupling" Maryland's tax code from provisions of the Big Ugly Bill that would reduce Maryland revenue, to the extent possible.