



2026 Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name: Jennifer White Holland

Position: House of Delegates

District: 10

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

"I am an advocate for social justice and a leader in public health. I am grateful to bring my academic, professional, and lived experiences to the House Health Committee where I previously served on the Public Health & Minority Health Disparities and Health Occupations & Long-Term Care Subcommittees. In 2025, I was appointed to serve as the Chair of the newly formed Maternal, Infant and Child Health Subcommittee and serve on the Health Occupations Subcommittee. In my first term as a State Delegate, I championed several pieces of successful legislation that improves maternal health, strengthens labor laws through wage transparency, lower prescription drug costs, builds our public health system, and promotes government accountability. Based on my background, collaborative approach to the policy decision making process, commitment to community, and goal to improve public health I am seeking to run for another term and desire to continue serving on the House Health Committee.

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

In 2025, I was pleased to be a co-sponsor of the Maryland Fair Share Act. While the budget included some of these measures, we still have work to do. For example, our largest corporations doing business in Maryland need to pay state income taxes and we need to close LLC loopholes that allows large partnership businesses to pay lower taxes. I am supportive of advancing legislation that includes these and other strategies like combined reporting to address economic inequality by ensuring everyone pays their fair share. Through these types of tax reforms, it will better position our state to pay for universal pre-k, universal school meals, child care, and increasing access to healthier food options in historically marginalized communities.

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?

Despite the federal rollbacks of clean energy projects and environmental protections, I believe Maryland must continue to protect our progress and continuing to work towards goals outlined in



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the 2022 Climate Now Solutions Act. Paired with these goals, I would like to explore how we can increase access to community solar, incentivize electrification of our homes and invest in walkable and bikeable communities to reduce the reliance on gas-powered vehicles. Paired with these strategies, communities of color that have experienced environmental racism should receive reparations, corrective action through public policy, and targeted investment to address decades of toxic exposure, pollution, and climate vulnerabilities.

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 was pleased to sponsor and co-sponsor legislation over the last few years that have codified federal Affordable Care Act (ACA) protections, established our own state subsidy to protect access to health care, enshrined the fundamental right of reproductive freedom within our state constitution, protected access to gender-affirming care and ensured that our public health data and records are shielded from other states. One of the bills I am pleased to co-sponsor this year is a bill that will protect those who experienced a pregnancy loss from being civil or criminally investigated or prosecuted. While protecting our progress and codifying existing protections related to ACA and public health practice, I am also focused on preventing legislation that seeks to disrupt and discriminate against communities of color, LGBTQIA+ communities, women, and other historically marginalized populations.

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?

One of the measures that was explored last year was around sugary drink taxes. Although it did not move favorably, we have an opportunity to explore a penny-per-ounce tax and other types of taxes that supports good public health in driving down the consumption of sugary beverages while benefiting our schools, early childhood education, parks and recreation, and other community supports. Localities have an opportunity to explore this and as a state, this should be explored again. As someone who works in philanthropy, I believe our state can position itself to better work alongside the philanthropic community and pursue public-private partnerships that can support demonstration projects, pilots, and other innovative ideas to support public health.