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**Position:** Delegate

**District:** 8

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

I'm gonna do what's best for me and I believe that's what's best for you because... I'm just like you. I've been working forever. I've done so many jobs. I can't remember when I started. But I understand this after a long life working. It shouldn't be this difficult. I'm not asking for it to be easy. But there should be a path to a good life. And it is easier in some other places.

Committees:

Economic Matters Committee

Appropriations Committee

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

Lowering higher education costs reduction and forgiveness (including vocational training).  
Tax breaks for middle/low income Maryland residents.  
Sponsoring micro low rate loans for low income entrepreneurs.

**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?**

If you wanna get yourself out of a hole, the first thing you need to do is stop digging To address the impacts of climate change, we would initially start with a pause on the removal of restrictions. At this point, we have worked really hard to establish some controls over rampant corporations destroying the climate without checks. We need to make sure that we don't regress first.



## 2026 Candidate Questionnaire

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**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 believe the role of government is to protect people. The strong protect those who are vulnerable. To address and ensure the rights of every Marylander, we need to provide the freedom for every person to be seen and treated as a person. That means that government does not allow people to be hurt for being different. I am different. You are different. We are all different. So we all need to be protected.

We need to get laws on the books that intrench these protections for everyone. My idea to use the states right to make laws to make these protected rights.

**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?**

To adjust the funding short falls that will soon reach Maryland. We need to have a clear understanding of the money that will be cut. That doesn't seem possible at this point so we have to plan for the worst. We will have to prioritize, education, infrastructure, FEMA, and others over vanity projects. We can't support billionaires dream project.