

### I Healthy Living

All families and communities should have access to clean air, safe drinking water, and healthy and sustainably produced food, and we should protect vulnerable populations from dangerous products.

#### Clean Lighting

*Del. Terrasa (HB1021)*

Fluorescent light bulbs are a common sight in offices, garages, and basements—but they contain toxic mercury and are incredibly inefficient compared to newer alternatives. Stopping the sale of fluorescents in Maryland will mean huge energy savings, less pollution, and reduce mercury exposure.

#### Antibiotic Use Reporting

*Del. Love (HB516)*

Laws such as the Keep Antibiotics Effective Act of 2019 are our best defense against antibiotic resistance. This bill updates the reporting timeline for the Department of Agriculture on the use of medically important antimicrobial drugs for large Maryland farms

### I Transform Transportation

Each year, pollution from cars, trucks and other vehicles cuts short an estimated 58,000 lives, and increases the risk of lung cancer, stroke and heart disease. Transportation is also America's number one source of carbon pollution.

#### Clean Truck Act

*Sen. Augustine (SB224) and Del. Love (HB230)*

Trucks are some of the most polluting vehicles in the transportation sector. This regulation requires manufacturers to produce zero-emission trucks beginning in 2024 and increase sales targets through 2035.

### I Clean, Efficient Energy Use

Maryland's reliance on polluting fuels puts our health and safety at risk. We support policies to increase clean, efficient energy use.

#### Energy Savings Act

*Sen. Lewis Young and Del. Qi (SB689/HB904)*

This bill updates the state's energy efficiency program to provide greater energy savings, protect ratepayers, and help repower Maryland's homes and buildings with 100% clean renewable energy.

#### Low Income Energy Efficiency Bill

*Sen. Feldman and Del. Charkoudian (SB144/HB169)*

Sets a standard of 1% annual energy savings for low-income households, enables state-funded home energy performance audits in qualified low-income homes and funds energy efficiency improvements such as new insulation, better windows, EnergyStar® appliances, LED light bulbs and more.

#### POWER Act

*Sen. Hester and Del. Charkoudian (SB781/HB793)*

Maryland has tremendous potential for generating power from offshore wind. The Promoting Offshore Wind Energy Resources Act will set a state goal for offshore wind generation, and ensure we have the technology ready to utilize the power of the wind.

#### Reclaim Renewable Energy Act

*Sen. Lewis Young (SB590) and Del. Stewart (HB718)*

This bill stops state renewable energy subsidies for incineration, woody biomass, and burning of gas from landfills and farms.

*Maryland PIRG's role is to find common ground around commonsense solutions that will make our future healthier, safer and more secure.*

## I Democracy for the People

The influence of wealthy donors in elections has eroded public trust in government and depressed civic participation. We should ensure all voters are able to participate in elections.

### Improving our Elections' Systems

*Sen. Kagan (379) and Del. Feldmark (HB535)*

We support policies to increase voters' ability to participate in voting and to streamline voting processes, including: improving ballot tracking and ballot processing.

### Expanding Local Fair Elections

*Del. Feldmark (HB176)*

Enables Counties and Baltimore City to establish local small donor public financing for additional offices after they locality has completed one cycle of the program for Executive and Legislative offices.

### Special Elections for Legislative Vacancies

*Del. Foley (HB417)*

An amendment to the Maryland Constitution that would require special elections for filling state legislative vacancies occurring within the first two years of the vacating legislators' term.

## I Sound Budget and Tax Policy

Marylanders have the right to know how our money is being spent, and no company should be able to game the tax system.

### Combined Reporting

*Sen. Lewis Young and Del. Lehman (SB576/HB46)*

Prevents companies from reducing taxable profits by shifting revenue to out-of-state subsidiaries.

## I Don't Trash Maryland

We support policies dedicated to the principles of reduce, reuse, recycle and put us on a path to zero waste.

### Producer Responsibility

*Sen. Augustine (SB222) and Del. Love (HB284)*

Requires producers to bear financial responsibility for recycling the products they create, reducing waste, and saving taxpayer money.

### Recycling Task Force

*Del. Love (HB109)*

Established a task force to study the recycling and waste systems in Maryland, and make recommendations on updating the Maryland Recycling Act.

### Truth in Recycling Act

*Del. Love (HB031)*

Ensures products labeled as recyclable actually have the potential to be recycled in Maryland.

### Paint Stewardship

*Sen. West (SB260) and Del. Boyce (HB255)*

Establishes a producer lead program for disposing of household paint to protect our waterways and environment, public health, and sewer infrastructure.

### Bottle Bill

*Del. Lehman (HB1089)*

The Bottle Bill is proven effective to increase recycling and reduce litter.

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