

Trans Maryland Candidate Questionnaire 2022

2022 Primary Dates: Early Voting - Thursday, July 7, 2022 through Thursday July 14, 2022 Election Day - Tuesday July 19, 2022

Candidates' responses to our questionnaire focusing on support for the trans community are below.

To educate voters impartially and on a nonpartisan basis, all responses will be shared verbatim.

About Trans Maryland's questionnaire:

• The questionnaire was emailed to all candidates running for office on June 30th to the email addresses listed on the Maryland State Board of Elections website.

• Candidates were informed that the due date of their responses would be July 8, and that if their completed questionnaire is not received by this date, the publication will state 'Did Not Respond.'

• Candidates were informed that questions and responses will be used in compliance with all IRS rules for 501(c)(3) organizations. Trans Maryland does not endorse any political candidates.



Governor



Ashwani Jain

He/him

Running for: Maryland Governor

Would you support Medicaid expansion to cover all gender-affirming care for transgender people, including trans youth and adolescents?

YES

Transgender people face disproportionate levels of discrimination when incarcerated. Do you support efforts to prohibit discrimination of transgender people when incarcerated, including housing them in the unit appropriate to their specified gender?

YES - I was also the FIRST candidate in the state of Maryland to release a LGBTQ+ Rights policy agenda back in January 2021 (https://jainforgov.medium.com/lgbtq-rights-46d6d41ffb8f). My plans include protecting reproductive justice (including access to gender affirming hormone replacement therapy); investing more in mental health professionals; prohibiting housing discrimination based on sexual orientation; reducing food insecurity; comprehensive sex ed in public schools (that teaches about everything from abstinence to contraceptives, to LGBTQ inclusion, sexual orientation, gender identity and reproductive rights); prevent discrimination that occurs during jury selection; and access to full employment.

Do you support transgender Marylanders' ability to self-identify their gender marker when requesting a change on legal identity documents (such as birth and death certificates)?

YES - I am also the ONLY Governor candidate to ALWAYS state my pronouns in every speech, debate, event.



Ashwani Jain

He/him

Running for: Maryland Governor

Do you believe in the bodily autonomy of all Marylanders, including transgender peoples' right to medical autonomy, and the rights of pregnant transgender people?

YES - it's all part of having true Reproductive Justice. Furthermore, I was the first statewide candidate in Maryland to release a Reproductive Justice platform back in January 2021 (https://jainforgov.medium.com/womens-rights-8e101a44e405) - which includes the need to —

- (1) Enshrine essential healthcare services (like abortion care, contraceptive coverage and gender affirmation treatment) in our State Constitution;
 - (2) Require all public schools to have comprehensive sex-ed in health classes. Students must learn about everything from abstinence to contraceptives, to period poverty, to domestic violence, to LGBTQ inclusion, gender identity and reproductive rights;
- (3) Require all public schools to provide free menstrual products in bathrooms. If toilet paper can be free for all students, so should menstrual products;
- (4) Expand availability of medication abortion and ensure that pharmacists (who are the most accessible and affordable provider for residents in low-income and rural communities) keep stocks of mifepristone (one of two drugs used for medication abortion) on hand, and can dispense the medication with a prescription; and
- (5) Expand lactation accommodations and ensure employers provide lactation accommodation for new mothers..



John King

He/Him/His

Running for: Maryland Governor

Would you support Medicaid expansion to cover all gender-affirming care for transgender people, including trans youth and adolescents?

Yes. As Governor I will pass the Trans Health Equity Act. I believe health care is a human right, and that includes gender-affirming care. I will also make undocumented Marylanders eligible for Medicaid and the state health insurance exchange so that no one is denied trans health care because of their immigration status.

Transgender people face disproportionate levels of discrimination when incarcerated. Do you support efforts to prohibit discrimination of transgender people when incarcerated, including housing them in the unit appropriate to their specified gender?

Yes. As Governor I will pass the Transgender Respect, Agency and Dignity Act, requiring incarcerated people be housed in facilities matching their gender identity and mandating staff consider the health and safety of transgender, nonbinary and intersex inmates.

Do you support transgender Marylanders' ability to self-identify their gender marker when requesting a change on legal identity documents (such as birth and death certificates)?

Yes. Burdensome requirements place a cost on transgender Marylanders and only serve as another barrier to care and social services. Current forms offered by the Department of Health to change gender on a birth certificate asks for sign off from a licensed health care provider or proof of a court order, which add additional costs and needlessly delay the process.



John King

He/Him/His Running for: Maryland Governor

Do you believe in the bodily autonomy of all Marylanders, including transgender peoples' right to medical autonomy, and the rights of pregnant transgender people?

Yes. The overturning of Roe v. Wade not only affected abortion care, but will have widespread ramifications for transgender health care as welll. We must protect the ability of people to make their own health care decisions, including around gender-affirming care. We also need to make sure our approach to abortion care, including the training of providers, is inclusive. Pregnant trans and nonbinary people face even more barriers to abortion access and discrimination from health care providers. On top of abortion rights, we need to protect all aspects of bodily autonomy in Maryland, including repealing the antisodomy law that still exists in this state today.

> Would you support protections for transgender people seeking refuge in Maryland when leaving other states that have passed prohibitions on healthcare or other similar policies? Additionally, will you support measures to increase Maryland's capacity to provide trans-specific services, including providing funding to hire qualified trainers to train new service providers?

Yes. We will make Maryland a sanctuary state for trans individuals seeking care and we will refuse to cooperate with law enforcement in states who are criminalizing trans health care and attempting to investigate trans people. Similar to the Abortion Care Access Act, which will provide funding for training abortion providers, I will support legislation that funds training for trans-specific health care services along with training all health care providers to be culturally competent around serving trans patients. I also support repealing Maryland's laws that essentially criminalize HIV, which stem from discrimination against LGBTQ+ people and are yet another way people are deterred from seeking care.



United States Senator



Michelle L Smith

her/she

Running for: United States Senator

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Do you believe in the bodily autonomy of all Marylanders, including transgender peoples' right to medical autonomy, and the rights of pregnant transgender people?

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United States House of Reprensatatives



George Croom

He/Him

Running for: US Representative in Congress, District 2

Would you support Medicaid expansion to cover all gender-affirming care for transgender people, including trans youth and adolescents?

We've been sold the line that we can't use this program to protect these individuals because it comes down to dollars and cents. Expanding Medicaid for the transgender community is not going to break the bank. I'm in full support of expansion. First, I would use the influence of my federal office to speed the passage of SB682/HB746 in the Maryland legislature. Second, Medicaid is meant to provide healthcare to low-income individuals. Third, less than 1 percent of Americans identify as transgender in America according to the CDC.

Transgender people face disproportionate levels of discrimination when incarcerated. Do you support efforts to prohibit discrimination of transgender people when incarcerated, including housing them in the unit appropriate to their specified gender?

My plan is to create non-profit State prisons. This does multiple things to reform our current for-profit system, but fixing discrimination is one major area. In a non-profit prison system success is measured by drops in recidivism. This is achieved by reforming the system and allowing intensive rehab and reintegration procedures to be adopted within prison walls. Ensuring the safety and mental well-being of all incarcerated individuals is necessary to achieving these goals. This includes safe housing of transgender people and other measures built to prohibit discrimination against them.

Do you support transgender Marylanders' ability to self-identify their gender marker when requesting a change on legal identity documents (such as birth and death certificates)?

I would use the influence of my federal office to speed the passage of HB 370 in the Maryland legislature. Like California a person should have the legal right to self-identify in all cases. I also recognize that this is not a fix all. Work still needs to be done to ensure fair and equitable inclusion of transgender individuals into all facets of American life.



Glenn Ivey

he/him

Running for: U.S. Representative in Congress, District 4

Would you support Medicaid expansion to cover all gender-affirming care for transgender people, including trans youth and adolescents?

"Yes. No person should be discriminated based on sexual or gender identity. Trans women, men, and youth, especially those of color, face difficulties in employment, pay, housing, and daily life. This is wrong and needs to be addressed in law, including for Medicaid, incarceration, all healthcare, and every area of daily life. Awareness is being raised, the struggle is ongoing, and we have far to go to achieve equal rights for all. I support and will work for expanded protections. Lives depend on it.

Transgender people face disproportionate levels of discrimination when incarcerated. Do you support efforts to prohibit discrimination of transgender people when incarcerated, including housing them in the unit appropriate to their specified gender?

Yes

Do you support transgender Marylanders' ability to self-identify their gender marker when requesting a change on legal identity documents (such as birth and death certificates)?

Yes

Do you believe in the bodily autonomy of all Marylanders, including transgender peoples' right to medical autonomy, and the rights of pregnant transgender people?

Yes



George Gluck

He/Him/His

Running for: US Representative in Congress, District Six

Would you support Medicaid expansion to cover all gender-affirming care for transgender people, including trans youth and adolescents?

Yes.

Transgender people face disproportionate levels of discrimination when incarcerated. Do you support efforts to prohibit discrimination of transgender people when incarcerated, including housing them in the unit appropriate to their specified gender?

Yes.

Do you support transgender Marylanders' ability to self-identify their gender marker when requesting a change on legal identity documents (such as birth and death certificates)?

Yes.

Do you believe in the bodily autonomy of all Marylanders, including transgender peoples' right to medical autonomy, and the rights of pregnant transgender people?

Yes.

Would you support protections for transgender people seeking refuge in Maryland when leaving other states that have passed prohibitions on healthcare or other similar policies? Additionally, will you support measures to increase Maryland's capacity to provide trans-specific services, including providing funding to hire qualified trainers to train new service providers?

Yes.



Ben Smilowitz

He/Him/His

Running for: US Representative in Congress, District MD-6

Would you support Medicaid expansion to cover all gender-affirming care for transgender people, including trans youth and adolescents?

Yes.

Transgender people face disproportionate levels of discrimination when incarcerated. Do you support efforts to prohibit discrimination of transgender people when incarcerated, including housing them in the unit appropriate to their specified gender?

Yes.

Do you support transgender Marylanders' ability to self-identify their gender marker when requesting a change on legal identity documents (such as birth and death certificates)?

Yes.

Do you believe in the bodily autonomy of all Marylanders, including transgender peoples' right to medical autonomy, and the rights of pregnant transgender people?

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Would you support protections for transgender people seeking refuge in Maryland when leaving other states that have passed prohibitions on healthcare or other similar policies? Additionally, will you support measures to increase Maryland's capacity to provide trans-specific services, including providing funding to hire qualified trainers to train new service providers?

Yes. It is important to note that my opponent, David Trone, previously donated over \$45,000 to help elect TX Gov. Abbott and \$11,000 to TX AG Paxton. And others. In contrast, I've always supported equality and would never support such hateful and bigoted individuals.



Maryland State Senate



Clarence Lam

he/him

Running for: Maryland State Senator, District 12

Would you support Medicaid expansion to cover all gender-affirming care for transgender people, including trans youth and adolescents?

Yes

Transgender people face disproportionate levels of discrimination when incarcerated. Do you support efforts to prohibit discrimination of transgender people when incarcerated, including housing them in the unit appropriate to their specified gender?

Yes

Do you support transgender Marylanders' ability to self-identify their gender marker when requesting a change on legal identity documents (such as birth and death certificates)?

Yes

Do you believe in the bodily autonomy of all Marylanders, including transgender peoples' right to medical autonomy, and the rights of pregnant transgender people?

Yes



Craig Zucker

^{he/him/his} Running for: Maryland House of Delegates, District 14

Would you support Medicaid expansion to cover all gender-affirming care for transgender people, including trans youth and adolescents?

Yes, I believe Medicaid should cover gender-affirming care for transgender people including trans youth to ensure transgender people can access safe and affordable healthcare for their medical needs.

Transgender people face disproportionate levels of discrimination when incarcerated. Do you support efforts to prohibit discrimination of transgender people when incarcerated, including housing them in the unit appropriate to their specified gender?

Yes, no one should face discrimination when incarcerated. I will support prohibiting discrimination against transgender people when incarcerated and housing them in the unit to their specified gender.

Do you support transgender Marylanders' ability to self-identify their gender marker when requesting a change on legal identity documents (such as birth and death certificates)?

Yes, I support transgender Marylanders' ability to self-identify their gender marker to reflect their most authentic selves when requesting a change on legal identity documents.

Do you believe in the bodily autonomy of all Marylanders, including transgender peoples' right to medical autonomy, and the rights of pregnant transgender people?

Yes, I believe all Marylanders have the right to bodily autonomy, including transgender people's right to their medical autonomy and the rights of pregnant transgender people to make the best choice for their well-being.

Would you support protections for transgender people seeking refuge in Maryland when leaving other states that have passed prohibitions on healthcare or other similar policies? Additionally, will you support measures to increase Maryland's capacity to provide trans-specific services, including providing funding to hire qualified trainers to train new service providers?

Yes, I believe Maryland should be a safe place where transgender people can seek refuge when leaving other states that discriminate against transgender people. Yes, I will support increasing Maryland's capacity to provide trans-specific services.



Max Socol

He/Him/His

Running for: Maryland State Senator, District 18

Would you support Medicaid expansion to cover all gender-affirming care for transgender people, including trans youth and adolescents?

Yes.

Transgender people face disproportionate levels of discrimination when incarcerated. Do you support efforts to prohibit discrimination of transgender people when incarcerated, including housing them in the unit appropriate to their specified gender?

Yes.

Do you support transgender Marylanders' ability to self-identify their gender marker when requesting a change on legal identity documents (such as birth and death certificates)?

Yes.

Do you believe in the bodily autonomy of all Marylanders, including transgender peoples' right to medical autonomy, and the rights of pregnant transgender people?

Yes.

Would you support protections for transgender people seeking refuge in Maryland when leaving other states that have passed prohibitions on healthcare or other similar policies? Additionally, will you support measures to increase Maryland's capacity to provide trans-specific services, including providing funding to hire qualified trainers to train new service providers?

Yes.



Brian W. Kunkoski II

Running for: Maryland State Senator, District 31

Would you support Medicaid expansion to cover all gender-affirming care for transgender people, including trans youth and adolescents?

No. I am against government spending on healthcare outside of medical emergencies.

Transgender people face disproportionate levels of discrimination when incarcerated. Do you support efforts to prohibit discrimination of transgender people when incarcerated, including housing them in the unit appropriate to their specified gender?

Yes. If a person identifies as a certain gender, and as long as its safe for all parties involved, they should be housed in the appropriate unit. .

Do you support transgender Marylanders' ability to self-identify their gender marker when requesting a change on legal identity documents (such as birth and death certificates)?

Absolutely

Do you believe in the bodily autonomy of all Marylanders, including transgender peoples' right to medical autonomy, and the rights of pregnant transgender people?

Yes. In all aspects of healthcare, its the persons choice. From vaccines to gender reassignment surgery.

Would you support protections for transgender people seeking refuge in Maryland when leaving other states that have passed prohibitions on healthcare or other similar policies? Additionally, will you support measures to increase Maryland's capacity to provide trans-specific services, including providing funding to hire qualified trainers to train new service providers?

Yes. The more people the move to the state, is better for our economy. However, privatized and voluntary services would be best.



Candidate Survey 2022 Adam Cunningham

he/him

Running for: Maryland State Senator, District 39

Would you support Medicaid expansion to cover all gender-affirming care for transgender people, including trans youth and adolescents?

Yes, and I'll go even further: I support a single payer healthcare system that fully includes genderaffirming care for transgender people of all ages.

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Yes

Do you support transgender Marylanders' ability to self-identify their gender marker when requesting a change on legal identity documents (such as birth and death certificates)?

Yes

Do you believe in the bodily autonomy of all Marylanders, including transgender peoples' right to medical autonomy, and the rights of pregnant transgender people?

Yes



House of Delegates



Brooke Grossman

She/her

Running for: Maryland House of Delegates, District 2B

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Yes.

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Yes.

Do you support transgender Marylanders' ability to self-identify their gender marker when requesting a change on legal identity documents (such as birth and death certificates)?

Yes.

Do you believe in the bodily autonomy of all Marylanders, including transgender peoples' right to medical autonomy, and the rights of pregnant transgender people?

Yes.

Would you support protections for transgender people seeking refuge in Maryland when leaving other states that have passed prohibitions on healthcare or other similar policies? Additionally, will you support measures to increase Maryland's capacity to provide trans-specific services, including providing funding to hire qualified trainers to train new service providers?

Yes, I am the parent of a non-binary child the rights of the LGBTQIA+ community mean protecting the rights of my child. I feel strongly that all individuals in our state need to be represented equitability. .



Kris Fair

He/Him/His

Running for: Maryland House of Delegates, District 3

Would you support Medicaid expansion to cover all gender-affirming care for transgender people, including trans youth and adolescents?

Yes.

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Yes.

Do you support transgender Marylanders' ability to self-identify their gender marker when requesting a change on legal identity documents (such as birth and death certificates)?

Yes.

Do you believe in the bodily autonomy of all Marylanders, including transgender peoples' right to medical autonomy, and the rights of pregnant transgender people?

Yes.



Andrew Duck

He/him Running for: Maryland House of Delegates, District 4

Would you support Medicaid expansion to cover all gender-affirming care for transgender people, including trans youth and adolescents?

Yes. Everyone should receive the medical care which they need

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Yes.

Do you support transgender Marylanders' ability to self-identify their gender marker when requesting a change on legal identity documents (such as birth and death certificates)?

Yes.

Do you believe in the bodily autonomy of all Marylanders, including transgender peoples' right to medical autonomy, and the rights of pregnant transgender people?

Yes. No judge should be able to stop people from getting appropriate medical care.



Dennis Frazier

He/him

Running for: Maryland House of Delegates, District 5

Would you support Medicaid expansion to cover all gender-affirming care for transgender people, including trans youth and adolescents?

I would need more information.

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Yes.

Do you support transgender Marylanders' ability to self-identify their gender marker when requesting a change on legal identity documents (such as birth and death certificates)?

Yes.

Do you believe in the bodily autonomy of all Marylanders, including transgender peoples' right to medical autonomy, and the rights of pregnant transgender people?

Yes.



Michael Brown

I, he, or me

Running for: Maryland House of Delegates, District 10

Would you support Medicaid expansion to cover all gender-affirming care for transgender people, including trans youth and adolescents?

Yes.

Transgender people face disproportionate levels of discrimination when incarcerated. Do you support efforts to prohibit discrimination of transgender people when incarcerated, including housing them in the unit appropriate to their specified gender?

Yes.

Do you support transgender Marylanders' ability to self-identify their gender marker when requesting a change on legal identity documents (such as birth and death certificates)?

Yes.

Do you believe in the bodily autonomy of all Marylanders, including transgender peoples' right to medical autonomy, and the rights of pregnant transgender people?

Yes.



Jon Cardin

He/Him/His

Running for: Maryland House of Delegates, District 11B

Would you support Medicaid expansion to cover all gender-affirming care for transgender people, including trans youth and adolescents?

Yes.

Transgender people face disproportionate levels of discrimination when incarcerated. Do you support efforts to prohibit discrimination of transgender people when incarcerated, including housing them in the unit appropriate to their specified gender?

YES

Do you support transgender Marylanders' ability to self-identify their gender marker when requesting a change on legal identity documents (such as birth and death certificates)?

YES

Do you believe in the bodily autonomy of all Marylanders, including transgender peoples' right to medical autonomy, and the rights of pregnant transgender people?

YES



Dana Stein

^{he/him/his} Running for: Maryland House of Delegates, District 11B

Would you support Medicaid expansion to cover all gender-affirming care for transgender people, including trans youth and adolescents?

Yes, I would support Medicaid expansion to cover all gender-affirming care for transgender people.

Transgender people face disproportionate levels of discrimination when incarcerated. Do you support efforts to prohibit discrimination of transgender people when incarcerated, including housing them in the unit appropriate to their specified gender?

Yes, I support prohibiting discrimination of transgender people when incarcerated, and I support housing transgender individuals in the unit appropriate to their specified gender.

Do you support transgender Marylanders' ability to self-identify their gender marker when requesting a change on legal identity documents (such as birth and death certificates)?

Yes, I do.

Do you believe in the bodily autonomy of all Marylanders, including transgender peoples' right to medical autonomy, and the rights of pregnant transgender people?

Yes, I support the bodily autonomy of all Marylanders, including transgender people's rights.

Would you support protections for transgender people seeking refuge in Maryland when leaving other states that have passed prohibitions on healthcare or other similar policies? Additionally, will you support measures to increase Maryland's capacity to provide trans-specific services, including providing funding to hire qualified trainers to train new service providers?

Yes, I would support such protections and these measures.



Amy Brooks

she/her Running for: Maryland House of Delegates, District 13

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Yes.

Transgender people face disproportionate levels of discrimination when incarcerated. Do you support efforts to prohibit discrimination of transgender people when incarcerated, including housing them in the unit appropriate to their specified gender?

Yes.

Do you support transgender Marylanders' ability to self-identify their gender marker when requesting a change on legal identity documents (such as birth and death certificates)?

Yes.

Do you believe in the bodily autonomy of all Marylanders, including transgender peoples' right to medical autonomy, and the rights of pregnant transgender people?

Yes.



Becca Niburg

she/her

Running for: Maryland House of Delegates, District 13

Would you support Medicaid expansion to cover all gender-affirming care for transgender people, including trans youth and adolescents?

100%; this is life affirming and saving care and everyone deserves access to it

Transgender people face disproportionate levels of discrimination when incarcerated. Do you support efforts to prohibit discrimination of transgender people when incarcerated, including housing them in the unit appropriate to their specified gender?

Yes in addition to taking a better look at whether incarceration is actually appropriate especially in cases where trauma due to discrimination and persecution may have caused the criminalized behavior as opposed to other care or social services.

Do you support transgender Marylanders' ability to self-identify their gender marker when requesting a change on legal identity documents (such as birth and death certificates)?

Yes

Do you believe in the bodily autonomy of all Marylanders, including transgender peoples' right to medical autonomy, and the rights of pregnant transgender people?

Yes; as a NARAL Pro-choice board member, I advocated to expand coverage for all members of our State regardless of any demographic factor and to make sure that LGBTQI+ community members are treated with dignity and respect every step of the way and throughout any health care experience and need.

Would you support protections for transgender people seeking refuge in Maryland when leaving other states that have passed prohibitions on healthcare or other similar policies? Additionally, will you support measures to increase Maryland's capacity to provide trans-specific services, including providing funding to hire qualified trainers to train new service providers?

Yes, I have represented transgender asylum seekers seeking protection in our country and state and it is a sad state of affairs that we have to seek such refuge within our own country. I will continue to support the trans community however is in my power.



Jen Terrasa

she/her

Running for: Maryland House of Delegates, District 13

Would you support Medicaid expansion to cover all gender-affirming care for transgender people, including trans youth and adolescents?

Yes

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Yes

Do you support transgender Marylanders' ability to self-identify their gender marker when requesting a change on legal identity documents (such as birth and death certificates)?

Yes

Do you believe in the bodily autonomy of all Marylanders, including transgender peoples' right to medical autonomy, and the rights of pregnant transgender people?

Yes



Anne Kaiser

she/her/hers

Running for: Maryland House of Delegates, District 14

Would you support Medicaid expansion to cover all gender-affirming care for transgender people, including trans youth and adolescents?

Yes; as prime sponsor of the bill, of course

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Yes

Do you support transgender Marylanders' ability to self-identify their gender marker when requesting a change on legal identity documents (such as birth and death certificates)?

Yes

Do you believe in the bodily autonomy of all Marylanders, including transgender peoples' right to medical autonomy, and the rights of pregnant transgender people?

Yes



Eric Luedtke

he/him

Running for: Maryland House of Delegates, District 14

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Yes

Do you support transgender Marylanders' ability to self-identify their gender marker when requesting a change on legal identity documents (such as birth and death certificates)?

Yes

Do you believe in the bodily autonomy of all Marylanders, including transgender peoples' right to medical autonomy, and the rights of pregnant transgender people?

Yes



Pamela Queen

Running for: Maryland House of Delegates, District 14

Would you support Medicaid expansion to cover all gender-affirming care for transgender people, including trans youth and adolescents?

Yes

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Yes

Do you support transgender Marylanders' ability to self-identify their gender marker when requesting a change on legal identity documents (such as birth and death certificates)?

Yes

Do you believe in the bodily autonomy of all Marylanders, including transgender peoples' right to medical autonomy, and the rights of pregnant transgender people?

Yes

Would you support protections for transgender people seeking refuge in Maryland when leaving other states that have passed prohibitions on healthcare or other similar policies? Additionally, will you support measures to increase Maryland's capacity to provide trans-specific services, including providing funding to hire qualified trainers to train new service providers?

Yes, Maryland must be a welcoming state for all.



Tom Smith

he/him/his

Running for: Maryland House of Delegates, District 14

Would you support Medicaid expansion to cover all gender-affirming care for transgender people, including trans youth and adolescents?

Yes. I'm a strong believer that gender-affirming care is crucial for the well-being of transgender people.

Transgender people face disproportionate levels of discrimination when incarcerated. Do you support efforts to prohibit discrimination of transgender people when incarcerated, including housing them in the unit appropriate to their specified gender?

Yes.

Do you support transgender Marylanders' ability to self-identify their gender marker when requesting a change on legal identity documents (such as birth and death certificates)?

Yes. Transgender Marylanders deserve the freedom to be themselves.

Do you believe in the bodily autonomy of all Marylanders, including transgender peoples' right to medical autonomy, and the rights of pregnant transgender people?

Yes. The Supreme Court's decision is disastrous – but we're lucky that Maryland is one of the states that recognizes the right to bodily autonomy.

Would you support protections for transgender people seeking refuge in Maryland when leaving other states that have passed prohibitions on healthcare or other similar policies? Additionally, will you support measures to increase Maryland's capacity to provide trans-specific services, including providing funding to hire qualified trainers to train new service providers?

Yes. We must do everything we can to support transgender people across the country – I'd be proud to make Maryland a safe haven for everyone in the LGBTQ+ community.



Marc Korman

He/Him/His

Running for: Maryland House of Delegates, District 16

Would you support Medicaid expansion to cover all gender-affirming care for transgender people, including trans youth and adolescents?

Yes.

Transgender people face disproportionate levels of discrimination when incarcerated. Do you support efforts to prohibit discrimination of transgender people when incarcerated, including housing them in the unit appropriate to their specified gender?

Yes.

Do you support transgender Marylanders' ability to self-identify their gender marker when requesting a change on legal identity documents (such as birth and death certificates)?

Yes.

Do you believe in the bodily autonomy of all Marylanders, including transgender peoples' right to medical autonomy, and the rights of pregnant transgender people?

Yes.



Kumar P Barve

he/him/his

Running for: Maryland House of Delegates, District 17

Would you support Medicaid expansion to cover all gender-affirming care for transgender people, including trans youth and adolescents?

Yes, absolutely

Transgender people face disproportionate levels of discrimination when incarcerated. Do you support efforts to prohibit discrimination of transgender people when incarcerated, including housing them in the unit appropriate to their specified gender?

Yes

Do you support transgender Marylanders' ability to self-identify their gender marker when requesting a change on legal identity documents (such as birth and death certificates)?

Yes, in fact the committee I chair, Environment & Transportation, passed legislation that allows drivers license holder to designate their gender as either M, F or X. That legislation only applied to drivers licenses because my committee does not have jurisdiction over the other legal documents you mentioned.

Do you believe in the bodily autonomy of all Marylanders, including transgender peoples' right to medical autonomy, and the rights of pregnant transgender people?

Yes

Would you support protections for transgender people seeking refuge in Maryland when leaving other states that have passed prohibitions on healthcare or other similar policies? Additionally, will you support measures to increase Maryland's capacity to provide trans-specific services, including providing funding to hire qualified trainers to train new service providers?

Yes to all answers.



Joe De Maria

he/him

Running for: Maryland House of Delegates, District 17

Would you support Medicaid expansion to cover all gender-affirming care for transgender people, including trans youth and adolescents?

Yes

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Yes

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Yes

Do you believe in the bodily autonomy of all Marylanders, including transgender peoples' right to medical autonomy, and the rights of pregnant transgender people?

Yes

Would you support protections for transgender people seeking refuge in Maryland when leaving other states that have passed prohibitions on healthcare or other similar policies? Additionally, will you support measures to increase Maryland's capacity to provide trans-specific services, including providing funding to hire qualified trainers to train new service providers?

Yes.



Candidate Survey 2022 Julie Palakovich Carr

^{she/her} Running for: Maryland House of Delegates, District 17

Would you support Medicaid expansion to cover all gender-affirming care for transgender people, including trans youth and adolescents?

Yes. I had committed to voting for the bill in the 2022 legislative session on this matter.

Transgender people face disproportionate levels of discrimination when incarcerated. Do you support efforts to prohibit discrimination of transgender people when incarcerated, including housing them in the unit appropriate to their specified gender?

Yes. Maryland needs to change how it determines what unit to assign an inmate. The current system is discriminatory and places transgender people at risk. Other states have been pursuing reforms and we should too.

Do you support transgender Marylanders' ability to self-identify their gender marker when requesting a change on legal identity documents (such as birth and death certificates)?

Yes. And on a related note, I've been personally active in ensuring that additional gender options are available for Marylanders on official forms. In the wake of the passage of legislation to allow Marylanders a third gender option on state driver's licenses, I realized the other government forms needed to be updated to be more inclusive. I looked

at every public form I could find, from jury duty to gun licensing to applications for social safety net benefits. Although many forms did not ask for the applicant's gender, some did. I wrote to those state agencies to request them to update their form to include additional gender options. As a result, several agencies committed to updating their online and PDF forms. My staff and I are revisiting this subject this summer and will be following up with all of the agencies to again encourage them to make this change if they haven't yet.

Do you believe in the bodily autonomy of all Marylanders, including transgender peoples' right to medical autonomy, and the rights of pregnant transgender people?

Yes



Emily Shetty

She/her/hers

Running for: Maryland House of Delegates, District 18

Would you support Medicaid expansion to cover all gender-affirming care for transgender people, including trans youth and adolescents?

yes. I would also push our private, state-regulated plans to do so as well. I would love to work with your organization and Del. Keiser to make this a reality

Transgender people face disproportionate levels of discrimination when incarcerated. Do you support efforts to prohibit discrimination of transgender people when incarcerated, including housing them in the unit appropriate to their specified gender?

absolutely

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Yes.

Do you believe in the bodily autonomy of all Marylanders, including transgender peoples' right to medical autonomy, and the rights of pregnant transgender people?

yes, absolutely. 100%.



Lorig Charkoudian

she/her

Running for: Maryland House of Delegates, District 20

Would you support Medicaid expansion to cover all gender-affirming care for transgender people, including trans youth and adolescents?

Yes.

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Yes.

Do you support transgender Marylanders' ability to self-identify their gender marker when requesting a change on legal identity documents (such as birth and death certificates)?

Yes.

Do you believe in the bodily autonomy of all Marylanders, including transgender peoples' right to medical autonomy, and the rights of pregnant transgender people?

Yes.

Would you support protections for transgender people seeking refuge in Maryland when leaving other states that have passed prohibitions on healthcare or other similar policies? Additionally, will you support measures to increase Maryland's capacity to provide trans-specific services, including providing funding to hire qualified trainers to train new service providers?

Yes and yes.



David Moon

he/him

Running for: Maryland House of Delegates, District 20

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Do you believe in the bodily autonomy of all Marylanders, including transgender peoples' right to medical autonomy, and the rights of pregnant transgender people?

Yes



Ashanti Martinez

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Yes and yes



Richard Elliott

He/him

Running for: Maryland House of Delegates, District 24

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Yes and yes!



Gabriel Acevero

he/him/el

Running for: Maryland House of Delegates, District 39

Would you support Medicaid expansion to cover all gender-affirming care for transgender people, including trans youth and adolescents?

YES

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YES

Do you believe in the bodily autonomy of all Marylanders, including transgender peoples' right to medical autonomy, and the rights of pregnant transgender people?

YES



Crystal (Jackson) Parker

She/her/hers

Running for: Maryland House of Delegates, District 40

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YES



Paul Konka

He/him

Running for: Maryland House of Delegates, District 42A

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Yes/ Need more information



Rikki Vaughn

Running for: Maryland House of Delegates, District 43A

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Yes, we currently hire qualified trainers to assist with training our staff. We also currently and have always employed individuals who identify themselves as transgender



Stephanie Smith

she/her

Running for: Maryland House of Delegates, District 45

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Do you believe in the bodily autonomy of all Marylanders, including transgender peoples' right to medical autonomy, and the rights of pregnant transgender people?

Yes!



Montgomery County Council



Al Carr

he/him

Running for: Montgomery County Council, District 4

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Yes

Would you support protections for transgender people seeking refuge in Maryland when leaving other states that have passed prohibitions on healthcare or other similar policies? Additionally, will you support measures to increase Maryland's capacity to provide trans-specific services, including providing funding to hire qualified trainers to train new service providers?

Yes. As a 15-year member of the Maryland House of Delegates, I am proud of my record of leadership in protecting the rights of transgender Marylanders. I have written and passed bills specifically on this topic. I have always supported such bills with my vote.



Washington County Circuit Court Judge





Judge Joe Michael

People call me "your Honor", but he and him are fine , too.

Running for: Washington County Circuit Court Judge, Circuit 4

Would you support Medicaid expansion to cover all gender-affirming care for transgender people, including trans youth and adolescents?

The Maryland Rules of Judicial Conduct prohibit me from taking political positions.

Transgender people face disproportionate levels of discrimination when incarcerated. Do you support efforts to prohibit discrimination of transgender people when incarcerated, including housing them in the unit appropriate to their specified gender?

As a person responsible for incarcerating other humans, it is necessary to consider the safety of every detainee. I recognize that transgender people are subject to additional dangers in a prison or jail environment, and am committed to every inmate's safety. So the answer is "yes".

Do you support transgender Marylanders' ability to self-identify their gender marker when requesting a change on legal identity documents (such as birth and death certificates)?

As a judge, I face this frequently. As long as the petitioner follows the rules for name and/or gender change, so do I. I read each petition and compare it to the statute and rules as required. If the documents are not correct, I cannot grant the application, but I explain that on my order. If the documents are correct, then I do grant the order.

Do you believe in the bodily autonomy of all Marylanders, including transgender peoples' right to medical autonomy, and the rights of pregnant transgender people?

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