



2018 U.S. CONGRESS DISTRICT 8

Every election year, the Maryland Catholic Conference surveys the state's candidates for U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives about their positions regarding issues of interest to Catholics. The responses of the Democratic and Republican primary candidates are below. The candidates were asked to either "Agree" or "Disagree" with a list of issue statements (see reverse side). A blank response to a statement means the candidate did not choose a position on that issue. Find your legislative district and view responses from all of Maryland's candidates:
www.mdccatholic.org/elections. **Candidates were given the opportunity to provide a brief statement at the end of the survey on why Maryland Catholics should vote for them. Those comments are available at: www.mdccatholic.org/elections.**

ELECTION DAY: JUNE 26

EARLY VOTING: JUNE 14-21

Visit https://elections.maryland.gov/voting/early_voting.html for more information and locations.

Answer Key

✓ = Agree | ✗ = Disagree | Blank = No response
 D = Democrat | R = Republican | (*) = Incumbent

Column titles briefly describe issue topics. Please refer to the statement on the back of this sheet corresponding to the number at the top of each column when reviewing candidates' responses.

Office	Party	Name	District	1	2	3	4	5
				Educational Options	Poverty Assistance	Access to Healthcare	Conscience Protections	Immigration
Senate	D	Ben Cardin*		blank	✓	✓	✗	✓
Senate	D	Erik Jetmir		DID NOT RESPOND				
Senate	D	Chelsea Manning		DID NOT RESPOND				
Senate	D	Marcia H. Morgan		DID NOT RESPOND				
Senate	D	Jerome "Jerry" Segal		DID NOT RESPOND				
Senate	D	Richard "Rikki" Vaughn		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Senate	D	Debbie "Rica" Wilson		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Senate	D	Lih Young		✗	✓	✓	blank	✗
Senate	R	Tony Campbell		✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Senate	R	Chris Chaffee		blank	✓	✓	✓	✓
Senate	R	Evan M. Cronhardt		✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
Senate	R	Nnabu Eze		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Senate	R	John R. Graziani		DID NOT RESPOND				
Senate	R	Christina J. Grigorian		✓	✓	✓	✗	blank
Senate	R	Albert Binyahmin Howard		DID NOT RESPOND				
Senate	R	Bill Krehnbrink		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Senate	R	Gerald I. Smith, Jr.		DID NOT RESPOND				
Senate	R	Blaine Taylor		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Senate	R	Brian Charles Vaeth		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
House	D	Utam Paul	8	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
House	D	Jamie Raskin*	8	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓
House	D	Summer Spring	8	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
House	R	Bridgette L. Cooper	8	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
House	R	John Walsh	8	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
House	R	Victor Williams	8	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗

Survey responses for candidates for Maryland Governor and General Assembly are available on separate survey sheets or at www.mdccatholic.org/elections.

CANDIDATE SURVEY STATEMENTS

The Maryland Catholic Conference does not endorse or oppose any candidate, under any circumstance, and no inference of endorsement or opposition should be concluded as a result of the information provided here.

- 1. EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS.** Congress should enact legislation that supports the ability of low-income families to choose the education best suited to their children's needs, such as tax credits for business donations to organizations that provide scholarships for K-12 students to attend nonpublic schools.
- 2. POVERTY.** The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) and other similar initiatives provide funding for millions of poor Americans who cannot afford to adequately feed themselves or their families. Congress should oppose attempts to reduce funding for these initiatives as a means of trimming budget deficits.
- 3. HEALTHCARE.** Congress should reject structural changes to Medicaid, such as a per-capita cap or other provisions, which would leave millions of people that rely on Medicaid, including many children, at risk of losing access to health care. Any modification to the Medicaid system as part of health care reform should prioritize improvement and affordable access to quality care over cost savings.
- 4. CONSCIENCE PROTECTIONS.** Congress should pass legislation, such as the Conscience Protection Act, to strengthen the enforcement of existing conscience protection laws by establishing a private right of action allowing providers who are discriminated against because of their refusal to perform, refer for or pay for abortions to defend their rights in court.
- 5. IMMIGRATION.** Congress should pass comprehensive, bipartisan immigration reform providing a path to citizenship for undocumented persons in the U.S., while preserving family unity and restoring due process protections to enforcement policies.

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