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**Montgomery County Delegation 2014 Session
Member Accomplishments**

Montgomery County Senate Delegation:

Senator Jamie Raskin (District 20), Chair, Montgomery County Senate Delegation:

- **Crowd Funding for Small Businesses (SB 811):** Responding to small businesses eager to find new ways to attract investment capital, SB 811 allows small business owners to raise big money in small increments while avoiding complex and costly federal securities registration and reporting requirements. The law allows businesses, simply by registering with the Maryland Securities Commissioner, to collect investment contributions of up to \$100,000 in up to \$100 increments from customers, neighbors, and friends so long as they are Maryland residents. Google was capitalized with \$100,000!
- **Protection of Individual Privacy and Official Transparency:** This session, I introduced along with Republican Senator Chris Shank several pieces of legislation which together form a major advance for privacy rights in Maryland while meeting the legitimate needs of law enforcement. SB 698 and SB 924 require state and local law enforcement to obtain a search warrant before accessing our email accounts, cell phone data and cell phone tracking information and SB 699 establishes parameters for law enforcement in their use of automated license plate tracking data.
- **Getting Medical Marijuana to Suffering Patients:** SB 923 allows physicians to recommend medical marijuana to sick patients, who will then be able to get an identification card from the medical Marijuana Commission and purchase medical marijuana directly from licensed and regulated dispensaries.
- **Protecting our Kids at School (SB 460):** We closed a serious loophole in the Maryland criminal law, which used to forbid full-time teachers and principals to have sex with students but allowed coaches, contract workers, part-time teachers and substitutes to do so. After a decade of wrangling over the subject, SB 460 closed this dangerous loophole. (Two years ago a full-time teacher but part-time coach was arrested for engaging in sex with students in Montgomery County, but could not be prosecuted at his coaching school because of this gap in the law.)

Senator Nancy J. King (District 39), Vice-Chair, Montgomery County Senate Delegation:

- Senator Nancy J. King was the lead Senate sponsor of the Pre-Kindergarten Expansion Act of 2014. This legislation will expand the availability of voluntary, Pre-K to four year olds whose parents are at or below 300% of the Federal Poverty Level. Passage of this legislation, that was a priority of the O'Malley/Brown administration, is the next step in closing the achievement gap and giving our state's children the resources they need to be successful throughout their lives.

- Our public libraries in Maryland are dynamic, versatile community centers and demands for library services across the state are at or above record levels. But our Public libraries have been doing more with less, by serving a growing population despite a decrease in funding. Senator King sponsored **Senate Bill 430** which will reinstate the per capita increase to libraries beginning with the 2016 fiscal year and allow our public libraries to continue to provide the services that our citizens want and need.
- Our schools are going through many changes with the implementation of the Common Core curriculum and standardized tests are not yet aligned with curriculum. Unfortunately, our teachers' and principals' evaluations are partially based on these tests. Senator King sponsored **Senate Bill 676** which requires that standardized tests not be used for personnel decisions through at least the 2016-2017 school year. Any professional would ask for fairness in how they are evaluated, and we should afford that same fairness to our professional educators.
- Senator King also sponsored bills which will increase the standards for building materials used in relocatable classrooms; will allow more individuals to be qualified to receive the Homestead Tax Credit; and will increase the tax credit for Maryland companies conducting qualified research and development.

Senator Brian Feldman (District 15):

- Successfully collaborated with Delegate Sam Arora (D-19) to pass legislation that bans the use of ticket buying software used to unfairly purchase large blocks of tickets for concerts and sporting events;
- Introduced and gained passage of legislation that requires individuals seeking real estate appraiser licenses to undergo criminal background screening, thus putting Maryland in compliance with federal law;
- Introduced and gained passage of three (3) bills that update, clarify and modernize Maryland's insurance laws;
- Introduced and gained passage of two (2) bills that simplify and streamline Maryland's corporate and commercial laws.

Senator Jennie M. Forehand (District 17):

- **Estate Tax** – Primary cosponsor of Senate bill to increase deductions under the Maryland Estate Tax, allowing families to pass on more to their heirs.
- **Drunk Driving** – Increased penalties for multiple impaired driving violations. This bill takes away the incentive for experienced drunk drivers to refuse a breathalyzer test to avoid conviction for charges with higher penalties.
- **Human Trafficking** – Created a program allowing human trafficking victims to use a substitute address accepted by state and local agencies, keeping them hidden from their trafficker and protecting their safety.

Senator Brian E. Frosh (District 16):

- Led the effort to enact legislation that will keep more domestic violence victims safe from abusers by establishing a more reasonable burden of proof for protective order proceedings. Maryland will no longer be the only state that requires victims to present "clear and convincing" evidence of abuse.

- Sponsored a bill that will help bring to justice criminals who use guns to commit violent crimes. It eliminates the one-year statute of limitations for using a handgun to commit a felony or violent crime, and instead applies the same statute of limitations as the underlying offense.
- Sponsored legislation to outlaw “proxy rape,” a crime in which the perpetrator impersonates the victim in online advertisements or other communications that solicit others to commit acts of sexual violence against the victim.
- Sponsored a measure to fix a gap in Maryland’s domestic violence laws, which previously allowed a protective order to expire before a court could consider a request to extend it. Now, as soon as motion to extend a protective order is filed, the order will automatically extend to the date of the hearing on the motion.

Senator Richard Madaleno (District 18):

- **Investment in Education:** As Chairman of the Education, Business, and Administration Subcommittee, Senator Madaleno helped secure record investments in our public education system. Over \$6 billion is earmarked for Maryland’s #1 ranked public school system, \$4.3 million for expanded pre-kindergarten programming, and over \$1.4 billion is committed to higher education. Additionally, funding to provide free in-classroom breakfast to an additional 40,000 students was secured.
- **Earned Income Tax Credit:** Senator Madaleno led the fight to pass an increase to the Earned Income Tax Credit (EIC), a critical poverty fighting tool that will provide needed tax relief to low income, working households. The EIC increase directly complements the approved increase to the state minimum wage.
- **Budget:** As a leader on the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee, Senator Madaleno pushed for a balanced approach in crafting Maryland’s comprehensive budget package. The operating budget as passed protects essential state services, maintains Maryland’s AAA bond rating, and narrows the structural deficit. The capital budget invests over \$1.5 billion in funding for higher education, public safety, the environment and school construction.
- **Gender-Identity Anti-discrimination:** As a champion of equal rights and lead sponsor of the *Fairness for All Marylanders Act*, Senator Madaleno led the fight securing passage of legislation prohibiting discrimination against transgender Marylanders in the areas of employment, housing, credit, and public places such as restaurants and movie theaters.

Senator Roger Manno (District 19):

- **“Jake’s Law” Texting and Talking While Driving Prohibition (SB348):** Distracted driving, caused by the increasing use of cell phones, continues to take lives throughout the State. That’s why I authored “Jake’s Law.” Among the most highly prioritized and reported legislation in 2014, Jake’s Law is now one of the toughest laws in the nation that criminalizes the cell phone use while talking or texting and driving.
- **Pesticide Reporting Program and Funding (SB700):** The widespread use of pesticides in recent years has raised numerous environmental, safety and public health concerns. That’s why I authored SB700, which now creates a publicly available online Pesticide Reporting Database, in collaboration with

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), funded by an increase in the pesticide chemical registration fees for all chemicals registered for sale in the State.

- **Electric Vehicles and Recharging Equipment Incentives (SB908):** Electric Vehicles (EVs) are an important tool in reducing emissions and gas consumption, while also providing the impetus to increase the number of green jobs that expand our green manufacturing base. That's why I authored SB908, which restructures and extends the EV tax credit, and substantially broadens it to increase the number of EV charging stations.
- **Parity Among First Responders for Cancer Presumptions (SB1099):** First Responders have difficult and dangerous jobs that regularly expose them to a range of toxic carcinogens that can cause a variety of cancers. That's why I authored SB1099, to create parity for all first responders -- both paid and volunteer -- in terms of the list of cancers that are presumed to be occupationally related.

Senator Karen S. Montgomery (District 14):

- **Health & Safety:** These sponsored bills deal with psychology associates' registration, park police workers' compensation for contraction of Lyme disease, and the creation of a workgroup to discuss providing safe working conditions for construction workers and instructions for site supervisors. She also sponsored a bill requiring labeling of genetically modified foods.
- **Education:** One sponsored bill aimed to shift the burden of proof in due process cases for children with individualized education programs from the parents to the schools. Another bill will provide loan assistance to marital, drug, and alcohol counselors for higher education.
- **Environment:** This legislation will require counties to address the collection and recycling of recyclable materials from special events of 200 or more people in their recycling plans by 2015; and will require special event coordinators in Maryland to ensure that events have clearly designated recycling receptacles and arrange for collection of those materials for recycling.
- **Business:** This sponsored legislation assures that the Small Business Reserve Program will continue until a 2016 review. Small businesses are at the heart of our communities and this bill will allow more businesses to continue to qualify for contracts through the reserve program.

Montgomery County House Delegation:

Delegate Anne R. Kaiser (District 14), Chair, Montgomery County House Delegation:

- As chair of the Montgomery County Delegation in the House of Delegates, I worked with Senate Delegation Chair Jamie Raskin and County Executive Ike Leggett and my colleagues from Montgomery County to advance school construction legislation and other county priorities. In this role, I introduced and passed legislation to clarify how we elect our County Executive should a vacancy occur
- As chair of the Ways and Means influential subcommittee on Education, I shepherded more than 35 of the state's top education priorities through the legislative process, including legislation to expand pre-Kindergarten to more kids. I was proud to be prime sponsor of legislation regarding a task force examining how we can better create post-secondary educational opportunities for the developmentally disabled. I was pleased to have language included in the State's budget to clarify how our jurisdictions spend their education dollars as well as language to help empower our school counselors.

- As a proud progressive, I enthusiastically voted in favor of, and advocated for, the top three social issues of the legislative session: 1) Increasing our minimum wage: all Marylander's deserve to have hard work better rewarded. 2) Protecting and empowering our Transgender friends and neighbors under the Fairness for All Marylanders Act. 3) Decriminalizing marijuana and allowing our public safety professionals to focus on more serious threats in our neighborhoods.
- Along with my colleagues from District 14, I worked to ensure over \$7.5 million in school construction funds for our district. Additionally, we secured \$300,000 for local projects at the Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Station, Sandy Spring Museum, the Muslim Community Center and the Olney Theatre.

Delegate Susan C. Lee (District 16), Vice-Chair, Montgomery County House Delegation:

- **Violent Home Invasions:** Lead sponsor of law passed to prosecute vicious and violent Home Invasions-**HB 807**; Lead sponsor of law passed to make **kidnapping a minor for Human Trafficking a felony** instead of a misdemeanor-**HB701**; House Lead sponsor of law passed to allow for better information sharing between physicians and caseworkers to ensure the best treatment for and protection of an **Abused or Neglected Child-HB1284**.
- **Cyber Security and Identity Theft on Social Media:** Lead sponsor of law passed to prohibit the malicious disclosure of another person's personal identifying information on an online social media to threaten, harass, annoy or embarrass and subject the victim to a myriad of identity theft crimes-**HB714**; Lead sponsor of law passed to **Protect Cloud Information obtained or released by a Health Information Exchange-HB806**.
- **Telemedicine:** Lead sponsor of law passed to extend coverage of vital medical services delivered via Telemedicine to Medicaid patients, who are some of the most neediest and underserved, to save lives, improve outcomes, and reduce health care costs and disparities-**HB802**; Lead sponsor of **HB801** passed in the House adding Telemedicine to and members on the Maryland Commission Cybersecurity, Innovation & Excellence.
- **Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) in Middle Schools:** Lead sponsor of law passed to require all middle schools to have onsite an AED to save the lives of victims of sudden cardiac arrest-**HB812**; House Lead sponsor of **HB751 & HB750**-to provide funding for essential renovations for the **Jewish Social Service Agency** and the HVAC system of **Imagination Stage**, which enriches & empowers young people of all abilities via its arts programs.

Delegate Sam Arora (District 19):

- **Protecting Children from Drunk Drivers.** Named Mothers Against Drunk Driving Maryland Legislator of the Year for a multi-year effort to require drivers caught driving drunk while a child is in the car to have their sobriety electronically verified by an ignition interlock in order to start their cars. That measure passed this year (**HB 1015**).
- **Expanding Microbrewing in Montgomery Co.** Introduced a pair of successful bills designed to make Montgomery County a hub for microbrewing, an industry rapidly growing around the country, and provide richer entertainment options. One measure allows microbreweries to sell their brew for consumption at the brewery (**HB 140**), and the other allows them to deliver their own products (**HB 132**).
- **Protecting Consumers Credit.** Introduced a successful measure that will notify a consumer when an individual files a financing statement alleging that the consumer owes a debt (**HB 99**). This measure will reduce fraudulent and erroneous liens that can destroy consumer credit.

- **Cracking Down on Ticket Scalpers.** Introduced successful legislation that will ban the use of ticket-buying software scalpers use to purchase hundreds of tickets to popular concerts and sporting events within seconds of them going on sale online (HB 98).
- **Helping Commuters Get More Bang for Their Buck.** Introduced successful legislation to plan for upgrades to Maryland Transit Administration that will allow commuters to leverage IRS pretax commuting allowances better to pay for transit—including the upcoming Purple Line light rail in Montgomery and Prince George’s Counties (HB 636). This measure particularly will benefit thousands of working poor in Maryland.

Delegate Charles Barkley (District 39):

- **HB 359 Alcoholic Beverages – Maximum Alcohol Content**
As passed, **HB 359** prohibits a retailer from selling an alcoholic beverage with an alcohol content that is 190 proof or above (190 proof is 95% alcohol). This beverage is commonly called “grain alcohol.”
- **HB 202 Clean Energy Loan Programs – Private Lenders – Collection of Loan Payments**
As passed, **HB 202** authorizes a private lender to provide capital for a loan to a commercial property owner under a local Clean Energy Loan Program. Currently local governments may sell bonds to finance energy efficiency and renewable energy projects and recover the costs through a surcharge on the property tax bill. Under **HB 202** this funding may come from private lenders.
- **HB 679 Insurance - Title Insurers - Title Insurance Commitment and Binders**
As passed, **HB 679** defines the Title Insurance Commitment and remedies problems by defining and distinguishing between an abstract of title and title insurance commitment. It protects a title insurance agent from title-based claims by customers who forego the purchase of title insurance and instead elect to rely upon the title insurance commitment as a means of title assurance. It keeps liabilities where they have always been, with the insurance companies, and not with the title insurance agents.

Delegate Kumar P. Barve (District 17), Majority Leader:

- **HB 1260 State Government - Open Data Policy - Council on Open Data.**
For the last three years I have been proud to serve as the House chair of the Joint Committee on Transparency and Open Government. Along with my Senate Co-Chair, **Bill Ferguson**, our committee has listened to citizens, community groups and technology experts. As a result, this legislation was introduced and has passed both chambers and will now go to Governor O’Malley for his signature. The bill establishes the Council on Open Data, which is tasked with promoting the policy of the State that open data be machine readable and released to the public in ways that make the data easily accessible and usable, including the use of open data portals.

This is only the beginning of our attempt to make government more open, transparent and accountable.

Delegate Bonnie Cullison (District 19):

Delegate Bonnie Cullison was proud to sponsor the following legislation:

- **HB 710 – Workplace Safety Assessment and Safety Program,** establishes a standing committee in State hospitals, nursing homes, and long-term care facilities to address any existence of physical injuries occurring in those settings. This bill provides staff who work directly with residents a chance to provide ideas to resolve their concerns, and the Alzheimer’s Association is using this as a template for similar legislation in other states.

- **HB 783** – Task Force to Study School-Based Health Centers established a group to make recommendations on how to integrate these innovative facilities into public health networks. The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene wrote a letter committing to meeting the intent of the bill. Delegate Cullison will be following up with reports from DHMH before the next Session.
- Other bills on their way to the Governor’s desk include **HB 401**, which will require certain health care providers to pass criminal background checks, **HB 1218**, which will define the role and supervision of pharmacy interns, and **HB 403**, which will allow the State Board of Examiners to call for a cease and desist order against Hearing Aide Dispensers and Speech-Language Pathologists who practice without a license.

Delegate Kathleen M. Dumais (District 15), Vice Chair, Judiciary Committee:

Delegate Dumais’ accomplishments include measures that:

- **Protect Domestic Violence Victims.** Long a champion of combating domestic violence, Dumais joined forces with the Administration in successfully shepherding a comprehensive package of bills that include strengthening penalties for committing a violent crime in a child’s presence; lowering the burden of proof required to obtain a final protective order to the standard used in the other 49 jurisdictions in the United States; and broadening the circumstances for eligibility to receive a permanent final protective order.
- **Study Sports High School Female Athletes Injuries.** Girls suffer certain serious athletic injuries at a higher rate than boys. The Task Force established by Delegate Dumais’ bill will review recent medical research exploring the nature, risks, incidence, and prevention of sports injuries in adolescent females. Based on its study, the task force will make recommendations regarding injury prevention. (**HB 1332**)
- **Criminalize Sexual Assault/Rape by Proxy.** The online solicitation of rape or sexual assault rape through the use of the personal identifying information or identity of an individual without their consent has become an emerging threat. Offenders post bogus advertisements identifying the victim as someone who wants to engage in a rape fantasy or sexual assault. There have been circumstances where the unsuspecting victim has been assaulted based on these fraudulent advertisements posted on multiple internet sites, often by a former spouse or lover. The bills create a felony subject to 20 years imprisonment or a fine not exceeding \$25,000 or both. (**HB955/SB50**)
- **Strengthening the Safe Schools Act of 2010.** Adds first degree burglary and animal cruelty to the list of offenses that, if a student is arrested for, law enforcement must report to school officials. As a result, the school officials may take appropriate steps to protect a student victim from coming into contact with the perpetrator. Further, appropriate resources may also be directed toward rehabilitating or channeling mental health care to the offending student. (**HB 222**)

Delegate David V. Fraser-Hidalgo (District 15):

- As a member of the **Environmental Matters Committee**, I participated in debate and voting on several important pieces of legislation concerning the environment, most notably the stormwater fee repeal bills. I voted in all cases to keep the fees, which are necessary to clean up our waterways in Maryland and protect the Chesapeake Bay. I also co-sponsored several pieces of legislation to uphold our environmental stewardship in Maryland.
- On a personal note, I was a co-sponsor of the **Minimum Wage Act**, which calls for a four-year phased-in increase in the minimum wage, and **Criminal Law - Possession of Marijuana - Civil Offense**, which reduces to a civil offense possession of 10 grams or less.

- I was lead sponsor for two bills, **HB 861 - Agriculture - Easements - Renewable Energy Generation Facilities**, which authorizes a landowner to use up to 5% or 5 acres as an easement for a renewable energy source; this bill passed in conjunction with a Senate cross-file; and **HB 1472 Agriculture - Industrial Hemp – Study**, which provides for a six-month study on feasibility and marketability of industrial hemp for development.
- I worked with my district 15 colleagues Sen. Feldman and Dels. Dumais and Miller to help secure bond bill funding for the Seneca Store restoration, Potomac Community Resources, and Potomac Community Center projects in our district totaling **\$325,000**.

Delegate C. William Frick (District 16), Parliamentarian:

- Sponsor of important legislation designed to penalize the act of maliciously posting sexually explicit images online without the consent of the subject.
- Lead sponsor of legislation to give consumers protection from abuse through unexpected charges levied through fraudulent marketing schemes.
- Chaired the Speaker’s Marijuana Workgroup which provided House members with an overview of both medical marijuana and decriminalization measures being considered this session by the General Assembly.
- Together with District 16 colleagues, helped secure bond money for the Jewish Social Service Agency’s renovation of their Montrose office.

Delegate Ana Sol Gutiérrez (District 18):

- Introduced the Maryland TRUST Act (**HB29**) which would restore community trust in local law enforcement by reducing the deportation of individuals with minor or no criminal offenses by limiting the use of ICE detainers in MD. Police would not continue to detain the individual nor deny the detainee bail solely because of an immigration detainer.
- Introduced an innovative education bill (**HB 86**) which would establish the MD Seal of Biliteracy program in MD schools of students who demonstrate proficiency in two or more languages by high school graduation. A unique, gold seal would appear on the transcript and/or diploma for recognition by future employers and college admissions.
- Introduced the MD Zombie Debt Act (**HB1032**) which would protect Maryland consumers from the unscrupulous practices of debt buyers who attempt to collect on debts that have expired. MD law sets the statute of limitations for collection of a debt after which period the debt is considered expired and informally identified as “Zombie Debt”.
- Introduced the Law Enforcement - Automated External Defibrillator (AED) bill (**HB139**) which would require law enforcement vehicles to have automated AEDs while on patrol serving in Montgomery County. Access to AEDs would greatly increase the survival rate of sudden cardiac arrest victims when police are first on the scene.

Delegate Sheila E. Hixson (District 20), Chair, Ways and Means Committee:

- **HB 427 Education - Maryland Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Act** This bill requires the Maryland Department of Education in partnership with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, each local board of education and other experts and stakeholders to develop and implement a program that would provide awareness of sudden cardiac arrest to coaches, school personnel, student athletes and parents.
- **HB 450 Income Tax Credit - Endow Maryland** This bill creates a tax credit for donations made to a qualified permanent endowment fund at an eligible community foundation. This credit would fall under the Department of Housing and Community Development and they are required to administer the credit and regulate its implementation.
- **HB 1025 State Personnel - Contractual Employees - Filing of Vacant Positions** This bill requires the Maryland Department of Transportation, the University System of Maryland, Morgan State University, St. Mary's College of Maryland and Baltimore City Community College to include in their personnel policies a consideration for hiring contractual employees to fill a vacant position in the same or similar classification in which the contractual employee is currently employed.
- **HB 1063 Libraries - Regional Resource Centers and County Public Libraries - Funding** This bill increases the per capita funding amount that is provided to each regional resource center and to each county public library system that participates in the State's library program. These increases would take effect beginning in the 2016 fiscal year.

Delegate Tom Hucker (District 20):

- **Crowdfunding – HB 1243:** I sponsored a bill introducing crowdfunding – an innovative way for small local businesses to obtain the capital they need to grow. This legislation allows individuals to invest in small local businesses, and provides a framework for these businesses to raise up to \$100,000 a year through the capital of local investors. This investing framework allows individuals to contribute up to \$100 per year in each business in which they want to invest. This is a unique, community-centered way for small businesses to start and grow.
- **Secure Choice** – Again this year I introduced the Maryland Secure Choice Retirement Savings Program, a bill that would make retirement savings through payroll deduction a choice available to many more Marylanders. Once again opposition from big insurance companies prevented the bill from moving through the House and Senate, but Governor O'Malley will issue an executive order for a two year study of the feasibility and impact of secure choice retirement savings. Making retirement savings easier is just good policy, and I will continue to work to make Secure Choice a reality in Maryland.
- **Community Renewable Energy Generation – HB 1192:** This year I continued to push for ways to expand Maryland's clean energy portfolio. My bill would provide a way for community members to directly purchase clean energy, even if they rent, or own a home unsuitable for solar. Individuals could buy shares in a local community renewable energy generating system, instead of being forced to purchase from big utility companies. Many progressive ideas take more than one legislative session to succeed, and I'll continue to work to make this creative clean energy solution a reality for Maryland.

Delegate Ariana Kelly (District 16):

- Passed **HB 1026 Parental Leave at Birth/Adoption of a Child:** requires businesses with 15 or more employees to provide 6 weeks of job protected leave to maintain health insurance during leave. This legislation covers more than half the 46% of Maryland's private sector workforce who currently have no

guaranteed parental leave because they work for businesses that are not covered under Federal Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA).

- Passed **Sexual Assault Forensic Exams, HB 963**: requires all hospitals to establish protocol for providing timely access to forensic rape exams for victims of sexual assault. Currently, only one hospital per county has staff trained in using a rape kit, putting the onus on victims to find the “correct” hospital. As a result of this law, now all hospitals will be establishing protocols and sharing them with a statewide Planning Group to ensure rape victims are treated respectfully.
- Passed as Lead sponsor **Education Habilitative Services, HB 798**: requires school systems to inform parents of children with disabilities of their rights to autism treatment as well as, Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy. Maryland law requires insurance companies to cover these costs, but many parents have not been able to get coverage. This law also requires schools to distribute a handbook that empowers parents to access this required coverage.
- **Beauty Salon License, HB 137**: issues a special alcohol license to beauty salons who wish to give a complimentary glass of wine to customers. Before this bill was passed, it was illegal for Montgomery County beauty salons to provide alcohol and they were unable to obtain an alcohol license. This limited many of the salon's ability to compete with DC salons for bridal party and other celebratory business.

Delegate Eric Luedtke (District 14):

- Was a sponsor of parts of the common sense for common core package, including successful legislation which creates a workgroup to oversee implementation of the new curriculum and tests.
- Passed an increase in the tax credit for volunteer firefighters and EMS for the first time in 20 years.
- Successfully advocated for a number of bills related to people with disabilities, including new funding mandates for corollary athletics, improvements to the IEP process, more flexible services for infants with disabilities, and creation of a deaf culture digital library.

Delegate Aruna Miller (District 15):

- **Initiated proactive discussion of issues of public health and safety**, with introduction of bills that would include electronic cigarettes in public smoking bans; requiring warning signage at public artificial turf recreational fields; and banning the wearing of so-called “Google glasses” by vehicle operators.
- **Introduced pro-workforce legislation available in most other countries** that would provide tax breaks for employers who voluntarily provide up to 8 weeks pay for new parent leave.
- **Secured state commitment in \$100,000 bond funds** to the Friends of the Potomac Community Recreation Center for a new facility for people with disabilities.

Delegate Kirill Reznik (District 39):

- For several years, Delegate Reznik has been pursuing the licensure of Behavior Analysts, who specialize in the behavioral treatment of patients with autism. By finally passing the Maryland Behavior Analysts Act, Board Certified Behavior Analysts in Maryland will finally become a regulated profession with the formation of their own committee under the Board of Counselors and Therapists.

- Delegate Reznik passed a bill that will repeal the termination date under Chapter 539 of the Small Business Reserve Program, passed in 2012, which allows a business to qualify as a small business and expand opportunities to be involved in State Procurement. In addition, he passed a bill that will issue civil fines for individuals under the age of 21 that enter one of Maryland's casinos.
- Several of Delegate Reznik's bills were geared towards protecting underserved communities, including two bills that will allow licensed dentists to dispense dental products and antibiotics for free to indigent patients that might otherwise not have the insurance to obtain a prescription. Another bill will grant a waiver to the statement of need in order to move children in a group home in need of repair to another location during a time of rehabilitation.
- Finally, Delegate Reznik passed several occupational bills that would allow three Boards to issue cease and desist letters to anyone practicing acupuncture, dietetics, or podiatry without a license. In addition, he passed a bill that will expand the scope of practice for licensed podiatrists to include surgical treatment of acute ankle fractures.

Delegate Luiz Simmons (District 17):

- **HB 43 Criminal Law - Harassment - Revenge Porn:** Criminalizes a terrifying form of harassment known commonly as revenge porn – publicizing explicit images of someone, usually an intimate partner, without their consent. This practice ruins lives, and this bill makes Maryland one of the first states to penalize its perpetrators.
- **HB 73 Civil Actions - Personal Injury or Death Caused by Dog - Rebuttable Presumption:** Prevents discrimination against certain breed of dogs. The new law increases protections to dog bite victims and preserves the due process legal defenses for dog owners.
- **HB 306 Crimes - Committing a Crime of Violence in the Presence of a Minor – Penalties:** Raises the penalties on crimes of violence when committed in the presence of a minor child.
- **HB 1207 Division of Labor and Industry - Youth Apprenticeship Advisory Committee:** Creates a permanent advocate to make recommendations on expanding youth apprenticeships in Maryland high schools. This will help address both youth unemployment and skill shortages across the state.

Delegate Jeff Waldstreicher (District 18):

- A recognized leader on victims' rights, Delegate Waldstreicher authored and successfully passed several bills to protect crime victims, including **HB 647: Peace Orders and Protective Orders – Extensions** and **HB 1244: Criminal Procedure - Criminal Injuries Compensation Board - Child Abuse Victims.**
- A fighter for Maryland's working families, Delegate Waldstreicher aggressively supported legislation to increase the state minimum wage to \$10.10 per hour. This long-overdue bill will provide economic justice for low-income Marylanders.
- As Chair of the Estates and Trusts Subcommittee, Delegate Waldstreicher has vowed to reduce bureaucracy and make estate planning easier for middle-class families. By improving the modified administration process, **HB 1004** reduces the burdens and costs of probate. The legislation passed both chambers and awaits the Governor's signature.

- A voice for animals in Annapolis, Delegate Waldstreicher has pushed for animal protection reforms each of his eight years in office. This year, he championed **HB 93** to ensure restitution for cash-strapped animal shelters that care for abused animals, saving taxpayer dollars. As part of sentencing, abusers can be required to reimburse the shelter for costs incurred.

Delegate Craig Zucker (District 14):

- **HB 923:** Mortgage Forgiveness Debt Relief Act Extension: Extends a 2012 tax-subtraction on forgiven income. When a mortgage loan is modified, either through foreclosure, short sale, or refinancing, the forgiven debt is taxed as income. This legislation will help keep Marylanders in their homes by protecting them from this additional tax burden.
- Effective July 1, 2014, the Office of the Attorney General will be required to notify parents of newborns on how to freeze the information around their child's credit, protecting them against identity theft. Nearly 140,000 children have their identity stolen every year, and in 2012 I sponsored legislation that will help parents protect their children. This is the next step in making sure we protect our most vulnerable.
- As a member of the Capital Budget Subcommittee on the House Appropriations Committee, I worked with Senator Montgomery, Delegate Kaiser, and Delegate Luedtke to secure funding for several community initiatives, including the Sandy Spring Museum, the Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department, the Olney Theatre Center, and the Muslim Community Center in Silver Spring.

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