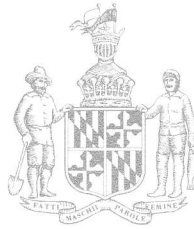


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**Montgomery County Delegation 2015 Session
Member Accomplishments**

Montgomery County Senate Delegation:

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

- Senator Nancy J. King was the lead Senate sponsor of legislation to dedicate an additional \$20 million annually in public school construction funding to school systems that have grown more than 150% of the statewide average enrollment growth over the past five years or had had an average of at least 300 portable classrooms over the past five years. This \$20 million dollars is in addition to capital funds that school systems are already eligible for. Montgomery County is one of five counties eligible for funds under this legislation.
- Internships have become an essential way for students to become more competitive as they attempt to enter a difficult job market. Unfortunately, interns are currently not afforded the same protections as employees. Senator King sponsored legislation that guarantees intern will have access to remedies for resolving a complaint of sexual harassment or other discrimination. This legislation will ensure that everyone, including interns, can demand the basic right of working in an environment free from discrimination and harassment.
- The Maryland Legislature made a commitment to fund an education system that was equal across the state. An integral component to ensuring equality was the Geographic Cost of Education Index (GCEI). GCEI funds have helped to boost our schools to the top of national rankings. Senator King sponsored legislation that will mandate full funding of the GCEI and ensure that the investments that have been made are not diminished and that the next generation of students have the same opportunity for an excellent and equal education.

Senator Roger Manno (District 19), Vice-Chair, Montgomery County Senate Delegation:

- Law enforcement workers have tough jobs, and deserve good benefits. That is why I authored a new law to expand benefits under the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System;
- Over the years, oyster replenishment has become a critical function of Bay recovery. That is why I authored new law (SB694) to substantially expand the Oyster Shell Recycling Tax Credit;
- Secured \$100,000 for new improvements (new child care facility) for the *Silver Spring Learning Center* (Kemp Mill), in addition to \$60,000 in prior funding;
- Secured \$25,000 for ongoing improvements for the public facilities at the *Melvin J. Berman Hebrew Academy* (Aspen Hill), in addition to \$155,000 in prior funding.

Senator Brian Feldman (District 15):

- Introduced and gained passage of legislation to establish a task force to create the framework for the **Maryland Achieving A Better Life Experience (ABLE) Program**, a tax-advantaged savings accounts for Marylanders with disabilities. This is a direct result of the Federal bi-partisan ABLE legislation authorizing states to implement their own tax-deferred program.
- Introduced and gained passage of legislation to establish a **Task Force to Study Maternal Mental Health** and make recommendations about treatment for women who experience mental health disorders during pregnancy and up to a year after giving birth.
- Introduced and gained passage of a bill to extend the **Maryland Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council** through June, 2020 and continue to facilitate the successful integration of Electric Vehicles into the State's transportation network.
- Introduced and gained passage of a bill that modernizes and streamlines Maryland's corporate and commercial laws.

Senator Cheryl C. Kagan (District 17):

- **Expanding Maryland's Organ Donor Registry (SB 415):** Did you know that Maryland ranks 27th in the percentage of people registered as organ donors? SB 415 will increase the pool of donors by allowing people to become a donor when getting a marriage license or filing a will. Sen. Kagan worked with Donate Life Maryland, the Clerks of Court, and the Registers of Wills to create new entry points to register (aside from the MVA). This bill will save lives by expanding the registry and reducing wait time for those in need of an organ transplant.
- **Mandating Fertility Parity (SB 416):** When marriage equality became the law of our state on January 1, 2013, it created a disparity in mandated insurance coverage. Married heterosexual women were covered for InVitro Fertilization (IVF), while married lesbian women were not. SB 416 restores equality while helping the state to avoid costly litigation. It is a win for infertile couples as well as for equality.
- Sen. Kagan was the primary Senate sponsor on bills to **procure Bond Bill matching funds** for the City of Rockville (\$175,000) to enhance disabled access to the parking area of the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre and for the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes (\$100,000) to rehabilitate several residential properties that provide independent living facilities for people with disabilities, regardless of faith.
- **Highway User Funds:** Every jurisdiction is allocated money from Highway User Revenue funding, which are raised through tolls, auto registrations, and fuel taxes. These funds pay for everything from pothole repairs to major construction projects. Midway through the session, municipalities faced draconian cuts, but Sen. Kagan pushed hard to have the funding formulas restored. Rockville and Gaithersburg got their money back.

Senator Susan C. Lee (District 16):

- **Human Trafficking: SB 521/HB456**-creating a **Safe Harbor Workgroup for Youth Victims of Human Trafficking** to identify and target vital resources and assistance to help youth victims break out of the cycle of sexual slavery and exploitation; **SB520**-to allow human trafficking victims to assert an **Affirmative Defense** of duress in a prostitution charge so that they can recover and rebuild their lives, get jobs and housing and get into college.

- **Domestic Violence: SB269/HB225**—As each case is unique, expands final protective order relief to include “necessary relief” to avoid abuse. **SB270/HB390**- Allows a Maryland victim to petition for a protective order for abuse occurring out of state. **SB67**-Following my 2014 **Home Invasion law**, include home invasion in definition of “crimes of violence.” **SB427/HB501**-Have law enforcement provide victims with **Notice of DNA Evidence, Database Entry or Match**.
- **SB542**-creating a **Cybersecurity Council** to provide proposed comprehensive laws/policies to protect against large scale cyber-attacks that can devastate our government, economy, infrastructures and make Maryland the epicenter of cyber innovation & jobs. **SB549/HB529**-to prosecute new types of **Identity Theft**, particularly in health care. **SB288**-**Freezing a defendant’s assets charged with a financial crime against an Elderly or Vulnerable Adult**.
- **SB743/HB862**-On heels of 2014 anti-discrimination law- **Transgender Individuals**, after certification by a health care practitioner, may have their birth certificates reflect the correct gender without a court order, surgery or marker, thereby avoiding possible discrimination or physical harm. **SB417 & SB418**-**Updating Maryland estates and trust laws**. **SB349/HB715** obtaining funding for **Bethesda Graceful Growing Together Community Center**.

Senator Richard Madaleno (District 18):

- This year Senator Madaleno served as Vice Chair of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, and the Chairman of the Health and Human Services Subcommittee. He helped protect funding for the priorities of many Marylanders, including services for the developmentally disabled, health care coverage for low income pregnant women, and substance abuse counseling.
- Senator Madaleno secured passage of the Hunger Free Schools Act of 2015. This legislation will allow schools to opt-in to a federal program that pays for the breakfast and lunch of all students in an individual school or an entire school system. While 50% of eligible schools participate in this program nationwide, only 6% of Maryland schools participate due to an administrative hurdle that is eliminated by this Act.
- Senator Madaleno sponsored Senate Bill 469, a bill to improve mental health services in Maryland. This bill sets the framework for a statewide crisis response system and allows counties partner with the state in the delivery of mental health crisis services.
- Senator Madaleno was a leader in the effort to establish an innovative plan to help Marylanders who want to save for retirement. Senator Madaleno championed on the Secure Choice bill, which would allow employees of small businesses to efficiently save for retirement. Although this bill did not pass, significant progress was made on the issue. It will be a marquee issue in next year’s legislative session.

Senator Karen S. Montgomery (District 14):

- Environment – Hydraulic Fracturing – Regulations – I am the primary senate sponsor of a two year moratorium on hydraulic fracturing. The Department of the Environment will be required to adopt regulations by October 1, 2016. Fracking will be prohibited until the October, 2017 after the legislature has an opportunity to review the regulations.
- Public Safety – Statewide Accounting of Sexual Assault Evidence Kits - Requires all state and local agencies that maintain, store, and preserve sexual assault evidence kits to conduct an inventory of all untested evidence stored by the agency. Additionally the agency must prepare a written report enumerating the number of untested sexual assault collection kits in the possession of the agency.

- Criminal Law - Assaults – First Responders –Expands the definition of second-degree assault to include intentional causing of physical injury to a firefighter, emergency medical service provider, rescue squad member, or any other first responder engaged in providing emergency medical care or rescue services.
- Registered Nurses-Local Health Departments-Requirements for Preparing and Dispensing Drugs and Devices- Authorizes Registered Nurses to prepare and dispense drugs and devices in local health departments such as Naloxone for heroin overdoses and antibiotics as well as medications to treat communicable diseases, substance abuse and reproductive health needs.

Senator Jamie Raskin (District 20):

- **The Maryland Second Chance Act:** This bill will allow more than 200,000 Marylanders who have non-violent misdemeanor convictions--for offenses like disorderly conduct, disturbing the peace, possession of small amounts of marijuana, and prostitution--to petition a judge for a shielding of the offense after a period of three years of being clean.
- **Reforming and Strengthening the Maryland Public Information Act: Democracy depends on the people having access to public information. This legislation modernizes and expands Maryland's Public Information Act,** creating a 5-member Compliance Board to resolve any fee disputes and an Ombudsman who can facilitate compliance from local and state government agencies and to help citizens clarify and narrow down their requests for official documents.
- **The Maryland False Claims Act:** This pro-taxpayer, pro-public integrity legislation allows the Attorney General of the state to sue contractors who knowingly file a false or fraudulent claim for payment with the government. Additionally, the bill encourages and empowers whistleblowers, including state and local employees, to report fraud committed by private contractors and enables them to receive a portion of funds recovered through litigation they initiate.

Montgomery County House Delegation:

Delegate Shane Robinson (District 39), Chair, Montgomery County House Delegation:

- Delegate Robinson was able this session to pass HB201, which will go to assist physical therapists in helping their patients by giving them the same rights as other medical professionals in providing handicapped parking placards to disabled individuals in their care.
- Delegate Robinson was able to pass HB207, which will enhance the investment options of the Chesapeake Bay Trust. Protecting the financial security of this organization, which has worked hard throughout the years to protect the health of Maryland's most important natural resource is and always has been a high priority for his office.
- Delegate Robinson also successfully completed his first session as Montgomery County Delegation Chair, helping to advance many of the County's priorities for 2015. <http://delegaterobinson.com/?p=843>

Delegate Kirill Reznik (District 39), Vice-Chair, Montgomery County House Delegation:

- **Direct Auto Sales –** I passed legislation that will authorize an electric or nonfossil-fuel burning vehicle manufacturer to be licensed as a vehicle dealer. This would allow a company, such as Tesla Motors, to sell their cars directly to the consumer in Maryland. As part of an agreement with the Maryland Auto Dealers

and as a compromise between the House and Senate, the Legislature passed the bill allowing 4 licenses to be issued in 4 locations around the State.

- **Medical Boards – Conflict of Interest** – I passed legislation that prohibits serving on the professional board of a medical profession concurrently while also serving on the board of a similar professional association.
- **Studies during the Interim** – Based on work accomplished this Session, I helped establish two health related studies this summer: the regulation and licensure of tele-therapy and cost containment and expansion of diagnostic imaging services.
- Two other studies that I helped to establish include reforming state procurement in a more efficient way, and making higher education more affordable and accessible.

Delegate Charles Barkley (District 39):

- **HB 89 Montgomery County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class BD-BWL License MC 18-15** establishes a Class BD-BWL alcoholic beverages license in Montgomery County. The license authorizes the sale of beer and wine for consumption on or off the licensed premises, as well as liquor for consumption only on the licensed premises. The holder of a Class BD-BWL license may also (1) hold a Class 7 micro-brewery license issued for a location in Montgomery County and (2) obtain a refillable container permit for draft beer.
- **HB 290 Alcoholic Beverages - Winery Off-Site Permit Holders - Comptroller Notification and Attendance Restrictions** increases, from 21 to 32, the number of events that a winery off-site permit holder may attend statewide in a calendar year.
- **HB 526 - Alcoholic Beverages - Brewing Company Off-Site Permit and Nonprofit Beer Festival Permit.** HB 526 establishes a nonprofit beer festival permit. A local licensing board may issue a nonprofit beer festival permit to nonprofit organizations that meet specified requirements. Additionally, the bill alters the brewing company off-site permit and establishes “limited permit holders” authorized to participate in specified events.
- **HB 541 Public Service Commission - Attachments to Utility Poles – Study** requires the PSC to convene a workgroup of interested persons to study attachments to utility poles in Maryland. This bill started out dealing only with the issue of “double poles” but the PSC asked that they be given the authority to do additional study of all issues related to utility poles.

Delegate Kumar P. Barve (District 17), Chair, Environment & Transportation Committee:

Delegate Kumar Barve, as the new Chairman of House Environment and Transportation Committee, led efforts to successfully resolve the State’s three most important environmental issues:

- Successfully challenged the Governor to reduce agricultural phosphorus runoff into the Chesapeake Bay by restoring and improving state regulations on its use.
- Pushed through a two-year moratorium on hydraulic fracturing or “Fracking” in Maryland—conducting hearings, defending legislation on the House floor and negotiating its final passage.
- Ensured passage of wastewater management legislation. Led workgroup to refine and expand Senate measure to improve remediation funding while addressing concerns from environmentalists, the business

community and local governments. Wastewater is the only growing source of pollution in the Chesapeake Bay.

Delegate Bonnie Cullison (District 19):

- **Access to Information:** HB 755 reforms the current Public Information Act by setting up an executive council to handle issues about fees and an ombudsman in the Attorney General's office to resolve conflicts between the government custodian of the information and the public seeking that information; having these processes will support both the public and the government agencies in the exchange of information.
- **Access to health care:** HB 375 sets up a Council for the Advancement of School-based Health Centers; these centers, including two in District 19 serve students who live in poverty; the goal of the Council is to assure that the services are meeting the needs of the students and their families.
- **Access to health care professionals:** HB 999 sets up a mentorship program for Nurse Practitioners when they first enter their practice and removes a bureaucratic process that was a barrier to practice.

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

Delegate Dumais' accomplishments include measures that:

- **Create a Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council.** Utilizing a data-driven approach, and drawing upon technical assistance from the Council of State Governments Justice Center and the Public Safety Performance Project of the Pew Center on the States, the Council will develop a statewide plan to reduce spending on corrections and reinvest in strategies to increase public safety and reduce recidivism. (HB 388)
- **Combat domestic violence.** Delegate Dumais has three bills that passed. One allows for an extension of a protective order for up to two years if re-abuse has been alleged but not proven, and the accused consents. Another expands the relief that may be awarded in a final protective order by granting a judge the discretion to tailor the relief as needed to protect the victim. The third adds individuals in dating relationships to those eligible for a protective order. (HB 224, HB 225, and HB 606)
- **Protect interns from employment discrimination.** This measure extends prohibitions against sexual harassment or other discrimination to unpaid interns. An employer must provide an intern with any existing internal procedure for resolving a complaint. If none exists, the intern may file a complaint with Maryland Commission on Civil Rights for nonmonetary administrative remedies. (HB 229)
- **Reduce from 1 year to 6 months the residency requirement before filing for divorce.** Given our transient society, the current one-year residency requirement can be difficult for some parties, especially those affiliated with the military, to attain. Attempting to meet the requirement can result in hardship, including lost job opportunities, delay in relocating to be closer to supportive family members, and jurisdictional complications related to child support and custody. (HB 1185)

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

- **HB 449--Hydraulic fracturing regulation.** This highly debated legislation imposes a two-and-a-half-year freeze on hydraulic fracturing until October 1, 2017. It was not as long as hoped for, and the Senate pulled out the public health study that was originally in the bill, but this delay will allow time for studies and discovery to address health, environmental, and economic concerns about the industry.
- **HB 803--Industrial Hemp – legalization.** This bill, which legalizes the production of industrial hemp in the state of Maryland, is contingent on the legalization of hemp at the federal level. Hemp is the fibrous portion of the plant and was last cultivated in the U.S. in the late 1950s. Introducing production in

Maryland would be a significant economic advantage as a growth industry for agriculture and manufacturing in our state.

- **HB 818 –turn signal for lane changes.** Requiring the use of a turn signal when changing lanes would align Maryland with 48 other states that have some form of lane-change turn signal laws. In 2014, there were over 2800 accidents attributed to improper lane change maneuvers in Maryland. The House passed this bill, and it moved forward to the Senate but did not make it out of committee.
- **HB 991—interest rate on tax deficiencies.** This bill would have reduced the current interest rate on tax deficiencies and refunds, which is currently the greater of 13% or 3% above prime, to 11%. It would allow Maryland to recoup reasonable interest on money owed, give relief to struggling small businesses and individuals, and bring it into closer alignment with surrounding states. The bill didn't advance but I hope to reintroduce it.

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

- Sponsor of important legislation designed to create an employer-sponsored retirement savings program for over a million Maryland workers who are without retirement plans.
- Lead sponsor of legislation to allow banks and credit unions to offer federally-insured college savings accounts to give Maryland families another option to save for their children's college education.
- Lead sponsor of the Maryland Clean Energy Advancement Act of 2015. This legislation would enhance the state's renewable energy portfolio by increasing the requirement of 25% renewables by 2020 thus expanding our state's green energy job sector.
- Passed legislation that will provide transparency in the inaugural committee process of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor.
- Together with District 16 colleagues, helped secure bond money for the creation of the Josiah Henson Park. This is an under-utilized historic resource and the bond money will fund the project to build a complete park with a modern visitor's center and a restored historic house.

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

- I passed a bill that will provide additional school construction funding for counties struggling to keep up with significant student enrollment growth. I worked with Senator Nancy King, Montgomery County Leadership and Appropriations Chairman McIntosh to get legislation passed that calls for \$20 million more annually in school construction funding to be divided among counties. Montgomery County is scheduled to receive the largest portion of the funding with \$5.8 million extra going to our county.
- Fought hard to close a tax loop hole that online travel companies have been using to increase their profits at the expense of Maryland Tax payers while gaining a competitive advantage over the brick and mortar Hotels here in the state, who provide great jobs to Marylanders. Online travel companies will now be forced to pay their fair share of the taxes that they rightfully owe to Maryland.
- As Chairman of Ways and Means, I am very proud for all the work that the committee did to pass the Film Tax Credit this year. It is great to keep the program going to support the industry here in Maryland, this will continue to help Maryland become a focal point on the east coast where TV shows and Movies want to bring their productions to create more jobs for our citizens.

Delegate Anne R. Kaiser (District 14), Majority Leader:

- Delegate Anne R. Kaiser was appointed as the Majority Leader by House Speaker Michael Busch. As the Majority Leader, Anne is responsible for shaping the public debate on every key issue that comes before the legislature.
- In addition, Anne retained her position as Chair of the influential Education Subcommittee on the House Ways and Means Committee. In that role, she was proud to champion a bi-partisan bill that expanded and clarified the law surrounding Maryland's vibrant charter schools and worked with Del. Hixson and others to secure much needed funding for our nation-leading schools. Additionally, she passed two education bills, one to protect student data privacy and the other to expand opportunities for students with dyslexia.
- As Majority Leader, Del. Kaiser worked with her House and Senate colleagues to fashion a bipartisan compromise on the state's budget. While this budget retained many of the Governor's priorities, it also added key democratic priorities of increasing education funding, maintaining our commitments to state workers and supporting programs to help those most in need.
- Del. Kaiser was proud to work with her District 14 colleagues to bring state-matched funding to the Damascus Volunteer Fire Department: \$100,000 to replace the roof on the activity center; \$150,000 for the Brooke Grove Rehabilitation Center to fund a 70-bed expansion of Sandy Spring health facility; and \$50,000 for the Olney Manor Dog Park to ensure a safer place for dogs and their owners to play and socialize.

Delegate Ariana Kelly (District 16):

- As lead sponsor passed unanimously **HB 327 Ambulatory Surgical Facility**, which ensures that facilities which exclusively provide surgical services can serve patients for up to 24 hours, in line with federal CMS regulations. This legislation will provide more options for surgical patients by expanding the capacity of these centers to care for patients, who were previously prevented from staying overnight.
- After four years of advocacy passed **HB 9 Licensure of Direct-Entry Midwives Act**, making Maryland the 30th state to license Certified Professional Midwives (CPMs) under the Board of Nursing. Licensing CPMs, who specialize in birth center and home births, enables effective collaboration and continuity of care between midwives, nurses, physicians and hospitals, and reduces unnecessary risk for Maryland women and babies.
- Building on the success of 2014 HB 1026, which expanded parental leave benefits for small business employees, passed as lead sponsor **HB 564 State Personnel - expanding family medical leave and parental leave** benefits for state employees. The maternity and paternity leave benefit for state employees is currently reduced for those state employees married to another state employee.
- As **Chair** of Montgomery County's **Economic Development Committee** shepherded the passage of 12 local bills to strengthen the business climate and educational opportunities in the county. Passed numerous bills requested by local stores, restaurants, bars, wineries and breweries, including a bill I sponsored **HB 88**, which creates a license to sell refillable wine growlers.

Delegate Marc A. Korman (District 16):

- HB 300 – Sponsored and passed HB 300, which creates a comprehensive study of Metro ridership in Maryland, including where riders come from and how riders get to and from Metro. This information will be valuable as the legislature considers WMATA funding, safety, and oversight issues.

- Metro-WMATA Work Group – Together with a colleague from Prince George’s County, founded the Metro-WMATA Work Group to increase oversight of WMATA by the General Assembly.
- Local Projects – Working with my District 16 colleagues in the House and Senate, helped secure \$150,000 for the Bethesda Graceful Growing Together Community Center and \$100,000 for the Josiah Henson Special Park.
- HB 656 – The Stored Energy and Power Act (HB 656) would have increased the use of energy storage in the state, which is important for grid resiliency and reliable use of renewable energy sources. The Maryland Energy Administration has agreed to conduct a study of energy storage in the state in lieu of the legislation.

Delegate Eric Luedtke (District 14):

- Among the bills I successfully passed was HB642, which will help improve safety in our schools. As a result of this bill, and for the first time in state law, contractors and subcontractors who work around children in schools will be required to undergo a criminal history background check, and would be prohibited from working in schools if they’ve committed crimes of violence or abuse.
- I introduced a package of legislation aimed at addressing an area of education where we still have significant work to do, special education. Included in the package were bills aimed at reducing paperwork and administrative burdens for special education teachers, keeping workload manageable, giving parents who are non-native English speakers the right to request translated documents, and expanding parent access to facilitation services in special education disputes.

Delegate Aruna Miller (District 15):

- As member of the House Appropriations Committee, Delegate Miller worked to secure additional \$20 million for school construction, protected aid to education and maintained the GCEI. She served as Chair of Personnel Subcommittee, Vice Chair of Transportation and Environment.
- Passed HB 489 which prohibits the sale of e-cigarettes to minors, assigns penalties and allows a designees to issue civil penalties.
- Introduced the Orange Ribbon Healthy School Hours bill to encourage later bell times for schools.
- Required the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to perform testing and study to address the potential health risks related to the lead levels and other chemical composition of synthetic turf fields.

Delegate David Moon (District 20):

- **ADVANCING MARIJUANA REFORM:** Last year Maryland decriminalized possession of small amounts of marijuana, but there are still loopholes in the law that could lead to criminal penalties for residents. To address this problem, I introduced a marijuana reform bill (HB 615), which passed the House this session. This legislation prohibits parole or probation sanctions for crimes that are now simply citation offenses. As a result, residents would not be put back in the criminal justice system simply because they received a ticket for marijuana possession.
- **EXPANDING LGBT PROTECTIONS:** I sponsored and passed legislation through the House that was a priority for Equality Maryland. HB 862 allows intersex and transgender individuals to obtain birth

certificates that match their genders. This is a simple bill that will help a few people get on with their lives without having their medical privacy invaded or facing employment discrimination.

- **BOLSTERING CIVIL JUSTICE**: I sponsored legislation to help Marylanders obtain civil justice for their injuries when big insurance companies deny responsibility in court. HB 680 passed the House of Delegates this session, and the bill would allow civil litigants to bring evidence of traffic convictions into court when facts are in dispute.

Delegate Maricé I. Morales (District 19):

- **Equal Pay for Equal Work**: Women continue to face wage discrimination. In Maryland, a woman earns 85 cents for every dollar paid to men for equal or comparable work. A typical woman with average earnings loses nearly a half a million dollars in wages in a 40 year period due to the wage gap. The wage disparity is even wider for women of color. Delegate Morales proudly co-sponsored **HB 1051** which would have strengthened Maryland's Equal Pay for Equal Work law. Delegate Morales will continue to fight for fundamental fairness.
- **Protecting Our Environment**: Delegate Morales enthusiastically co-sponsored **HB 449** which puts a two-year moratorium on the hydraulic fracturing. There are too many risky unknowns that come with pumping chemicals into the ground for natural gas extraction. We need to be smarter with our energy policy. We need to look toward clean energy solutions – solar, geothermal, wind and hydroelectric.
- **Criminal Justice Reforms**: Through her work on the Judiciary Committee, Delegate Morales helped pass the following reforms to Maryland's criminal justice system: probation & parole reform (**HB 615**); asset seizure reform (**HB 360**); and studying police accountability (**HB 954**).
- **Campus Sexual Assault**: Rape on college campuses isn't new, however the spotlight on this epidemic is the brightest it has ever been. Delegate Morales introduced two bills this session that would create new protections for students attending college in Maryland. **HB 839** would create a definition of affirmative consent for sexual activity. If a student is guilty of violating a school's sexual assault policy, **HB 749** would require a prominent notation be placed on the student's transcript. Delegate Morales will continue to push for new protections in the coming sessions.

Delegate William C. Smith, Jr. (District 20):

- **HB 1009 – The Good Samaritan Bill - Immunity – Alcohol - or Drug-Related Medical Emergencies -** My bill, HB 1009, amends Maryland's Good Samaritan law to expand the scope of protection to drug paraphernalia found at the scene of an emergency and to those on parole and probation. These newly added protections are crucial in preventing drug and alcohol induced deaths. HB 1009 passed both the House and Senate and is now headed to the Governor's Desk!
- **HB 405 – The Maryland False Claims Act** - This year I was proud to work alongside Attorney General Brian Frosh and Senator Jamie Raskin, as both a cosponsor and strong advocate, to pass the Maryland False Claims Act. The Act protects the state of Maryland from those who defraud, steal, and unfairly manipulate state resources for their own gain. The Act also sets in place whistleblower employment and financial protections for individuals who bring these problems to light. The Act passed both houses and, if signed by the Governor, will go into effect on June 1, 2015.
- **HB 244 - Second Chance Act** - With the passage of the Second Chance Act, over 200,000 Marylanders will have the opportunity to be brought back into the folds of society. By creating a system in which an

individual can apply to shield certain non-violent misdemeanors we open the doors to jobs, college applications, scholarships, and housing opportunities. The bill ultimately passed both houses and is now headed to the Governor for his signature.

- **HB 1047 – “Returning Citizens Act”** - One of my top legislative priorities, HB 1047, was a restorative justice measure that would assist ex-felons in obtaining gainful employment as they attempt to rejoin our communities. The bill provides tax incentives for businesses located in any one of Maryland’s Enterprise Tax Zones (areas of economic distress) that hire qualified ex-felons. We made some strong progress with the bill this year, and I am looking forward to continuing to fight for this legislation next session.

Delegate Ana Sol-Gutiérrez (District 18):

- Introduced an innovative education bill (HB 166) which would establish the Maryland Seal of Biliteracy program in MD schools for 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.
- As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, worked to restore full funding for public education in the 2015 Operation Budget including passage of the GCEI mandate for future years.
- Worked with House Appropriations Committee to establish and increase school construction grant funding for Montgomery County and other counties with high enrollment growth.

Delegate Jeff Waldstreicher (District 18):

- A voice for animals in Annapolis, Delegate Waldstreicher has pushed for animal protection reforms each of his nine years in office. This year, he passed HB 362 through both houses 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.
- A champion for expanded and affordable healthcare, Delegate Waldstreicher successfully sponsored and passed HB 781: Coverage for Ostomy Equipment and Supplies Required. This bill requires coverage of necessary equipment for medically vulnerable Marylanders.
- Born and raised in Montgomery County, Delegate Waldstreicher graduated from our public schools. That’s why he was proud to fight for HB 70, the State budget. The state budget fully funds Maryland’s public schools, while also keeping our promise to state employees by providing a 2% raise.
- Chair of the Consumer Protection Subcommittee, Delegate Waldstreicher authored and passed legislation to allow ridesharing companies like Uber and Lyft to operate legally in Maryland, creating a level playing field while protecting consumers.

Delegate Craig Zucker (District 14):

- **ABLE Act:** The ABLE Act (House Bill 1105) will allow individuals with disabilities and their families to set up special savings accounts to help fund future expenses, including medical care, education, housing, and assistive technology for that individual. The legislation will help ensure that individuals with disabilities have access to the resources they need to be successful and do not have to live in poverty while obtaining it.

- **Electronic Submission of Reimbursement Claims:** Effective October 1, 2015, health insurers in Maryland will be required to accept reimbursement claims forms electronically. This will help reduce costs and turnaround time for these expenses.
- **Assisting Laytonsville Local Restaurants:** This legislation allows several restaurants in Laytonsville to serve liquor in addition to beer and wine. These restaurants will also be able to have pool tables, dartboards, and other recreational devices all in an effort to help create more business.
- **Supporting Community Priorities:** 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 \$100,000 for the Damascus Volunteer Fire Department, \$150,000 for the Brooke Grove Retirement Village, and \$50,000 for the Olney Manor Dog Park.

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