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Maryland

State Senator, SD-026 (D)

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MD Legislative Scorecard 2021-2022

✓ Pro-Freedom ✗ Anti-Freedom — Did not Vote **Vote**

1. Requires the State to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions by 60% from 2006 levels by 2030 and requires the State to achieve net-zero statewide greenhouse gas emissions by 2045, along with other green initiatives. ✗

Pro-Freedom: **No** · Cast: **Yes** · SB414 · 03/12/2021

2. Requires a local board of elections to designate the locations of ballot drop boxes. It also requires for a permanent absentee ballot list. ✗

Pro-Freedom: **No** · Cast: **Yes** · SB683 · 04/02/2021

3. Creates a "Sanctuary State" by eliminating Immigration Enforcement. ✗

Pro-Freedom: **No** · Cast: **Yes** · HB16 · 04/12/2021

4. Requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to report to the General Assembly and the Governor on the efforts by the State, political subdivisions, and housing authorities to promote fair housing choice and racial and economic housing integration. ✗

Pro-Freedom: **No** · Cast: **Yes** · SB687 · 04/09/2021

5. Prohibits the possession of unserialized firearms, "ghost guns" or "privately made firearms", and prohibits a person from purchasing, receiving, selling, offering to sell, or transferring an unfinished frame, receiver and custom made and unserialized firearms. ✗

Pro-Freedom: **No** · Cast: **Yes** · HB425 · 04/09/2022

6. Establishes the Abortion Care Clinical Training Program in the Maryland Department of Health to ensure that there are a sufficient number of health professionals, training funds, and coverage requirements for the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide abortion care. ✗

Pro-Freedom: **No** · Cast: **Yes** · HB937 · 04/09/2022

Scorecard Votes: 0%

Why do these votes matter?

1. Climate Solutions Now Act

SB414 requires the State to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions by 60% from 2006 levels by 2030 and requires the State to achieve net-zero statewide greenhouse gas emissions by 2045. Additionally, it requires the Maryland Department of Labor to adopt regulations establishing certain energy conservation requirements for certain buildings by July 1, 2022 and set a goal of planting and maintaining 5,000,000 sustainable trees of species native to the State by the end of 2030.

The Maryland State Senate passed SB414 on March 12, 2021 by a vote of 34 to 11. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this legislation creates more government interference in the free market economy and advances the Marxist climate change agenda. Businesses should have the freedom to conduct business without the government meddling in their affairs by setting unrealistic and costly regulations.

2. Drop Boxes

SB683 requires a local board of elections to designate the locations of ballot drop boxes. It also requires for a permanent absentee ballot list.

The Maryland State Senate passed SB683 on April 2, 2021 by a vote of 32 to 15. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this legislation compromises the integrity of our elections, opening the door to fraudulent behavior, which ultimately drives people to lose faith in the election process. We need to push back against measures like drop boxes and early voting.

3. Dignity Not Detention Act

HB16 creates a "Sanctuary State" by eliminating Immigration Enforcement and prohibits state and local governments from receiving money from the federal government and benefiting from immigration detention facilities.

The Maryland State Senate passed HB16 on April 12, 2021 by vote of 30 to 17. We have assigned pluses to the nays because state or local governments that pursue "sanctuary policy" undermine the U.S. Constitution's provision, in both Art. I Sec. 8 and Art. 2 Sec. 3, that the federal government shall have the power to establish uniform immigration law and ensure that such law be faithfully executed. Moreover, the 10th Amendment reserves powers to the states that can be used to address the crisis of illegal immigration and provide for their own public safety and this policy does the opposite of that.

4. Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing

SB687 requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to report to the General Assembly and the Governor by December 1, 2023, and every 5 years thereafter, on the efforts by the State, political subdivisions, and housing authorities to promote fair housing choice and racial and economic housing integration.

The Maryland State Senate passed SB687 on April 9, 2021 by a vote of 47 to 0. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this is a blatant socialist program that accepts Marxist ideas that benefit only certain people in society. That is the opposite of what is said in the Declaration of Independence, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." We are all equal and no one in society should be propped up over another.

5. Untraceable Firearms

HB425 prohibits the possession of unserialized firearms, "ghost guns" or "privately made firearms", and prohibits a person from purchasing, receiving, selling, offering to sell, or transferring an unfinished frame, receiver and custom made and unserialized firearms. This bans the possession of every unserialized firearm or unfinished frame or receiver by March 1, 2023.

The Maryland State Senate passed HB425 on March 31, 2022 by a vote of 34 to 12. We have assigned pluses to the nays because the fundamental right of the American people to keep and bear arms is protected by the U.S. Constitution, particularly in the 2nd, 9th, and 10th Amendments, and should not be infringed. Government tracking of firearms and serial numbers are not permitted in the constitution and an individual is permitted to bear the arms of their choosing.

6. Abortion Care Access Act

HB937 establishes the Abortion Care Clinical Training Program in the Maryland Department of Health to ensure that there are a sufficient number of health professionals, training funds, and coverage requirements for the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide abortion care. Additionally, this requires the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$3,500,000 to the abortion program.

The Maryland State Senate voted to override the Governor's veto for HB937 on April 9, 2022 by a vote of 29 to 15. We have assigned pluses to the nays because the right to life is the most fundamental, God-given, and unalienable right asserted in the Declaration of Independence and protected by the U.S. Constitution.