

# Maryland US Senate 2024

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<b>ABORTION</b> Ban or legal?	<b>Legal.</b> <a href="#">Supports</a> the <a href="#">Women's Health Protection Act</a> to federally protect abortion access. " <a href="#">Will oppose</a> any judicial nominee who does not support abortion rights." <a href="#">Opposes</a> efforts in Congress to defund Planned Parenthood.	<b>Mostly legal.</b> In 2022, <a href="#">vetoed</a> the <a href="#">Abortion Care Access Act</a> ; it expanded the pool of authorized abortion providers. <a href="#">Withheld funding</a> designated to train new providers. In 2024 said <a href="#">supports</a> "restoring Roe as the law of the land" and <a href="#">would</a> add abortion rights to federal law.
<b>CLIMATE CHANGE</b> Should climate change be a top priority?	<b>Yes.</b> " <a href="#">Urgent action</a> is necessary to address the climate crisis." Climate change, is " <a href="#">an existential threat</a> for all of our families and children." <a href="#">Supports</a> Biden climate change laws, including <a href="#">\$369 billion</a> in clean energy spending and funding to <a href="#">reduce</a> greenhouse gases.	<b>Mostly yes.</b> <a href="#">Adopted</a> Biden's <a href="#">Better Climate Challenge</a> , & <a href="#">joined</a> the U.S. Climate Alliance. Let Maryland's <a href="#">Clean Energy Jobs Act</a> become law without his signature. <a href="#">Preferred</a> his <a href="#">plan</a> , featuring nuclear energy. <a href="#">Canceled</a> the Baltimore mass transit Red Line with \$300M already invested; shifted state funds to roads.
<b>CRIMINAL JUSTICE</b> How to ensure effectiveness and fairness in law enforcement?	" <a href="#">Believes</a> in the need for comprehensive changes that promote safety, justice, and equity for all residents." <a href="#">Implemented</a> reforms enhancing police accountability. " <a href="#">Everyone has the right to feel secure</a> " in their homes, schools, businesses.	<a href="#">Boosted</a> police funding, calling it "re-fund the police." <a href="#">Vetoed</a> police reform bills, including body-camera mandates and limits on "no-knock" warrants. <a href="#">Let a bill</a> become law without his signature that created a state unit to investigate police-involved deaths.
<b>ECONOMY</b> Decrease or increase government investment in, and regulation of, the economy?	<b>Increase.</b> <a href="#">Supports</a> "critical investments into our future economy to ensure businesses [can] compete with companies around the globe." Advocates for " <a href="#">investing in humans</a> ": "When I think about true economic opportunity, I think about things like a child tax credit."	<b>Mixed.</b> " <a href="#">Instead of</a> more reckless government spending, our plan demands real fiscal responsibility." As governor, " <a href="#">eliminated or rewrote</a> thousands of job-killing regulations." In 2021 <a href="#">asked Congress</a> to speed up approval of infrastructure projects.
<b>ELECTIONS</b> Did Joe Biden win the 2020 Presidential election?	<b>Yes.</b> "MAGA Republicans " <a href="#">undermined our elections</a> and democratic processes and led an armed insurrection against our Capitol."	<b>Yes.</b> <a href="#">Accusations</a> without evidence of a stolen election were "really bad for our democratic process."
<b>ENVIRONMENT</b> Loosen or tighten environmental regulations?	<b>Tighten.</b> As county executive, increased <a href="#">stormwater management</a> to protect the Chesapeake Bay. Supports <a href="#">additional funding</a> for Bay clean-up; the Bay should be named a <a href="#">National Recreation Area</a> . <a href="#">Expanded</a> a countywide curbside composting program.	<b>Mixed.</b> <a href="#">Signed a bill banning</a> fracking in 2017. Opposed clean energy legislation in <a href="#">2016</a> and <a href="#">2022</a> , though allowed the 2022 bill to become law without signing it. <a href="#">Proposed</a> his own set of clean energy goals in 2019. <a href="#">Eased regulations</a> on industrial poultry farm emissions.
<b>GUN LAWS</b> Loosen or tighten gun regulation?	<b>Tighten.</b> " <a href="#">Current</a> gun laws are inadequate." <a href="#">Supports</a> universal background checks and closing the gun show loophole; would ban military-style weapons and bump stocks. <a href="#">Supports</a> "red flag" laws.	<b>Mixed.</b> <a href="#">Relaxed</a> rules on concealed handguns after a U.S. Supreme Court ruling. <a href="#">Vetoed</a> tougher background checks on gun transfers. <a href="#">Let</a> a "ghost guns" ban take effect without signing it. <a href="#">Signed</a> a "red flag" law.

ISSUES	ALSOBROOKS (D)	HOGAN (R)
<b>HEALTHCARE</b> Increase or decrease government support for health care? Support or oppose Obamacare?	<b>Increase.</b> “ <a href="#">Healthcare</a> is a fundamental right... As Senator, I will work to defend and build upon the Affordable Care Act.” <a href="#">Supports</a> universal paid family and medical leave policies.	<b>Mostly increase.</b> <a href="#">Defended</a> Obamacare against a 2017 proposal to repeal it. In 2018 <a href="#">signed</a> a bill to strengthen publicly supported health care. <a href="#">Vetoed</a> partially paid family medical or care leave.
<b>IMMIGRATION</b> How to handle immigration and the border? Support a path to citizenship for “DACA” participants brought to the US as children?	<a href="#">Supports</a> “comprehensive immigration reform” with “a pathway to citizenship” for those already living in the U.S. <a href="#">Backs</a> a <a href="#">path</a> to permanent residence for DACA participants. Allow <a href="#">undocumented</a> immigrants to get a driver’s license & “legally commute to work.”	“ <a href="#">Our open</a> southern border is a humanitarian catastrophe that is harming communities and wreaking havoc.” <a href="#">Supports</a> “bipartisan, commonsense solutions.” As governor, <a href="#">vetoed</a> “sanctuary state” status for undocumented immigrants.
<b>LABOR</b> Make it easier or harder for unions to organize?	<b>Easier.</b> Is “ <a href="#">committed</a> to protecting workers’ rights.” <a href="#">Supports a bill</a> to strengthen collective bargaining rights and protect the right to organize.	<b>Harder.</b> <a href="#">Vetoed</a> bills to expand collective rights for college employees. In 2016 <a href="#">called</a> teachers’ union leaders “thugs.”
<b>LGBTQ RIGHTS</b> Limit or expand LGBTQ rights?	<b>Expand.</b> As county executive, <a href="#">appointed</a> the county’s first LGBTQ liaison to link the community to resources. <a href="#">Supported</a> same-sex marriage rights in Maryland. “Will <a href="#">continue</a> to stand up for” LGBTQ rights. “Will... oppose... efforts to <a href="#">undermine equality.</a> ” <a href="#">Opposes</a> anti-transgender legislation.	<b>Mixed.</b> <a href="#">Let</a> LGBTQ protections become law without his signature. <a href="#">Let</a> a ban on the anti-LGBTQ “ <a href="#">panic</a> ” defense become law without his signature. <a href="#">Signed a ban</a> on “gay conversion therapy” for minors. <a href="#">Opposed</a> a transgender rights law in 2014 while accepting the state’s same-sex marriage law.
<b>MARIJUANA</b> Ban or legal?	<b>Legal with limits.</b> “ <a href="#">What</a> adults choose to do ... is their business.” <a href="#">Has</a> concern about “impact on youth.” As county prosecutor, <a href="#">blamed</a> rising crime rates on decriminalized marijuana.	<b>Mixed.</b> Let a <a href="#">companion bill</a> to voter-approved legalization become law without his signature. In 2015 <a href="#">vetoed</a> decriminalization. In 2016 <a href="#">vetoed</a> decriminalization of possession of marijuana paraphernalia.
<b>MINIMUM WAGE</b> Raise the federal minimum from \$7.25/hour? If raise, how much?	<b>Yes.</b> <a href="#">Supports</a> increasing the minimum wage to \$15; “believes it should be done federally.” <a href="#">Would</a> index the minimum wage to inflation so it rises with the cost of living.	<b>Unclear.</b> No position found on the federal minimum wage. <a href="#">Vetoed</a> raising Maryland’s minimum wage to \$15; <a href="#">proposed</a> raising to \$12.10 per hour instead.
<b>STUDENT FINANCIAL AID</b> Support lowering interest on student loans and/or forgiving them?	<b>Yes.</b> <a href="#">Supports</a> Biden’s student loan forgiveness plan and “improving access to low interest student loans.” <a href="#">Would expand</a> Pell Grants to assist low-income students.	<b>No.</b> Biden’s plan is “a really <a href="#">bad</a> idea at the worst possible time.” Supported student loan <a href="#">tax credits</a> , <a href="#">scholarships</a> , and <a href="#">capping tuition growth</a> as other solutions.
<b>TAXES</b> Raise or lower taxes on corporations and wealthier individuals?	<b>Raise.</b> “ <a href="#">We need</a> leaders who [will] make big corporations pay their fair share.” <a href="#">Would raise</a> the corporate tax rate to create more equity and allow economic growth “that benefits more people in the middle.”	<b>Likely lower.</b> <a href="#">Supported</a> the 2017 Trump tax cuts, which included the <a href="#">largest</a> corporate cut in US history.
<b>VOTING RULES</b> Make voting harder or easier?	<b>Loosen.</b> <a href="#">Supports legislation</a> to enforce voting rights and expanding voting access.	<b>Mixed.</b> Let voting legislation become law without his signature, including expanded <a href="#">vote-by-mail</a> , expanded <a href="#">early voting</a> , and <a href="#">automatic</a> voter registration. <a href="#">Vetoed</a> voting rights for released felons.

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