







FOOD & WATER WATCH • 2017 Maryland Legislative Report Card

Food & Water Watch is proud to release our first annual Maryland Legislative Report card. Our organization champions healthy food and clean water for all. We stand up to corporations that put profits before people, and advocate for a democracy that improves people's lives and protects our environment.

In keeping with our mission, this Report Card — and our Report Cards for future sessions of the General Assembly — will grade Senators and Delegates on their votes on proposed bills that further our vision of a more just and equitable Maryland.

Our purpose is to help you learn how your legislators support or oppose that vision. While each session report card will offer a snapshot of their performance in that year, over the years the cumulative scores will give a deeper impression of where each legislator stands.



How We Grade Legislators

Each legislator is assigned a letter grade for their votes on the bills we have chosen to grade for this session. During the session, legislators' offices received lists of bills we were considering scoring as well as the position Food & Water Watch took on the bill — support or oppose. Legislators earn points for voting in line with our position. In addition to the grade for these votes, legislators can earn "extra credit" for sponsoring bills for which Food & Water Watch actively ran campaigns.

For the 2017 session, letter grades are given as follows:

6/6 – A 5/6 – B 4/6 – C 3/6 – D 1/6 or 2/6 – F

Extra credit can earn a legislator a "+" on their grade, and we have given extra credit to legislators who sponsored the bills we led campaigns on this year.

2017 Maryland State Legislation 2017 HOUSE

HB 1325 – Oil and Natural Gas – Hydraulic Fracturing – Prohibition (Fraser-Hidalgo/Robinson/Barve)

The bill placed a permanent ban on hydraulic fracturing in Maryland. Senator Bobby Zirkin introduced a fracking ban bill in the Senate, but it never received a vote. The House bill passed both chambers and was signed into law.

Food & Water Watch position: SUPPORT.

HB 1 – Maryland Healthy Working Families Act (Clippinger)

This bill requires employers with 15 or more employees to provide employees with earned sick and safe leave. It also requires employers with 14 or fewer employees to provide unpaid earned sick and safe leave. The bill passed both chambers. Governor Hogan vetoed the bill.

Food & Water Watch position: SUPPORT.

HB 270 – Environment – Testing for Lead in Drinking Water – Public and Nonpublic Schools (Lafferty)

This bill requires the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations to require periodic testing for the presence of lead in drinking water in public or nonpublic school buildings. The bill passed both chambers and was signed into law.



HB 631 – Public Health – Essential Off-Patent or Generic Drugs – Price Gouging – Prohibition (Attorney General)

This bill prohibits a manufacturer or wholesale distributor from engaging in price gouging in the sale of an essential off-patent or generic drug. The bill authorizes the Attorney General to investigate price increases to determine if they constitute price gouging. The bill passed both chambers and became law without the governor's signature.

Food & Water Watch position: SUPPORT.

HB 271/SB 484 – Maryland Transit Administration – Farebox Recovery Rate – Repeal (Lierman/Madaleno)

This bill repeals the requirement that the Maryland Transit Administration must recover at least 35% of its operating costs from fares derived from its bus, light rail and metro subway in the Baltimore region. The Farebox Recovery Rate limited expansion and improvement of Baltimore regional public transit. The bill passed both chambers and became law.

Food & Water Watch position: SUPPORT.

HB 453 – Tax Sales – Water Liens – Moratorium (M. Washington)

This bill prohibits a tax sale of a home or other property solely to enforce liens for unpaid water, sewer and sanitary system services for one year. The bill passed the House; it did not receive a vote in the Senate.

Food & Water Watch position: SUPPORT.

2017 SENATE

SB 423 – Elective Franchise – Registration and Voting at Polling Place (Pinsky)

This bill amends the Maryland Constitution to allow the General Assembly to provide same day registration for voting in elections. The bill passed the Senate; it was amended in the House, but the Senate refused to adopt the House amendments.

Food & Water Watch position: SUPPORT.

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2017 Food & Water Watch Campaign Legislation

While Food & Water Watch worked on a lot of bills in legislative session, our organization prioritized these four bills because we believed they could bring major improvements to people's lives. The last three columns of the scorecard indicate which legislators supported these bills. SB 773, the Community Healthy Air Act, did not receive a vote.

HB 1325/SB 740 - Fracking Ban

As one of the founders of Don't Frack Maryland, Food & Water Watch played a leading role in the campaign to ban fracking. HB 1325 passed both chambers with bipartisan support and was signed by the governor, making Maryland the first state with gas reserves to statutorily ban fracking — and the third state overall to do so.

HB 228/SB 546 – Water Service Shutoff Disclosure and Protection

Food & Water Watch worked with local advocates to champion legislation that would have set uniform standards for notification of water service shutoffs. The legislation also would have established protection from water service shutoffs for vulnerable populations, including senior citizens, small children and people suffering from certain illnesses. The Senate bill was never brought for a vote in the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee. The House bill was voted down in the Environment and Transportation Committee.

HB 918 – Water Affordability Program

This legislation would require water service providers across Maryland to establish water affordability programs that would place an annual cap on the charges the provider may assess for the water services offered to a low-income customer. Food & Water Watch worked with local advocates campaigning for affordable water service. The bill was voted down in the Environment and Transportation Committee.

SB 773 – Community Healthy Air Act

Food & Water Watch worked closely with residents on the Eastern Shore to require the Maryland Department of the Environment to conduct air monitoring for air emissions — primarily ammonia — from large Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs). Although the bill had the support of a majority of Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee members, it never received a vote.



The Maryland Campaign to Ban Fracking

The campaign to ban fracking took over five years and was a major victory for Food & Water Watch and our allies. It shows what a committed grassroots movement can do to influence the politics of the day. For years powerful leaders suggested passing stronger regulations instead or extending a moratorium for one more year, but in 2017 we were able to get a ban.

The Don't Frack Maryland campaign had multiple press conferences, a huge rally and even a civil disobedience event in the Capitol to show power.

			Fa	od & Wate	r Watch 2	2017 Maryla	and House	Report C	ard			
District	First Name	Last Name	HB 1325 Fracking Ban	HB 453 Water Tax Lien	HB 1 Paid Sick Leave	HB270 Lead Testing Schools	HB 631 Drug Price Gouging	HB 271 Public Transit	Fracking Ban	Water Shutoffs	Water Affordability	GRADE
37B	Christopher	Adams	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No				F
4	Kathy	Afzali	No	No	No	No	Yes	No				F
41	Bilal	Ali	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				Α
43	Curt	Anderson	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y	Y		A+
38B	Carl	Anderton	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No				C
25	Angela	Angel	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y		Y	A+
36	Steven	Arentz	Ab	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No				D
13	Vanessa	Atterbeary	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				Α
42B	Susan	Aumann	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No				C
39	Charles	Barkley	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y			A+
21	Ben	Barnes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y			A+
25	Darryl	Barnes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y			A+
24	Erek	Barron	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y			A+
17	Kumar	Barve	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y			A+
32	Pamela	Beidle	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y			A+
1A	Wendell	Beitzel	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No				F
45	Talmadge	Branch	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y			A+
8	Eric	Bromwell	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y			B+
10	Benjamin	Brooks	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y		Y	A+

			HB 1325	HB 453	HB 1	2017 Maryla HB270	HB 631	HB 271				
District	First Name	Last Name	Fracking Ban	Water Tax Lien	Paid Sick Leave	Lead Testing Schools	Drug Price Gouging	Public Transit	Fracking Ban	Water Shutoffs	Water Affordability	GRADE
1B	Jason	Buckel	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No				F
30A	Mike	Busch	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				A
31A 38C	Ned Mary Beth	Carey	Yes No	Yes Yes	No	Yes No	Yes	No				C F
18	Al	Carozza Carr	Yes	Yes	No Yes	Yes	Yes Yes	No Yes	Y			г А+
35B	Andrew	Cassilly	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	I			D
32	Mark	Chang	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y			A+
4	Barrie	Ciliberti	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No				F
290	Jerry	Clark	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No				F
46	Luke	Clippinger	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Y		A+
8	Joe	Cluster	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No				D
40	Frank	Conaway	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y	Y	Y	A+
19	Bonnie	Cullison	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y			A+
25	Dereck	Davis	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				Α
15	Kathleen	Dumais	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y			A+
12	Eric	Ebersole	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y	Y		A+
47A	Diana	Fennell	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y	Y		A+
27C	Mark	Fisher	No	No	No	No	Yes	No				F
9B	Bob	Flanagan	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No				C
3B	Bill	Folden	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	V			D
15 16	David Bill	Fraser-Hidalgo Frick	Yes	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Y			A+
21	Barbara	Frush	Yes Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y		Y	A A+
21	Tawanna	Gaines	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	T		T	A
36	Jeff	Ghrist	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No				F
41	Angela	Gibson	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				A
17	Jim	Gilchrist	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y			A+
34A	Glen	Glass	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No		Ŷ		D+
45	Cheryl	Glenn	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Y	Y	A+
6	Robin	Grammer	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No				D
18	Ana Sol	Gutierrez	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y			A+
40	Antonio	Hayes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Y		A+
44A	Keith	Haynes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y		Y	A+
22	Anne	Healey	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y			A+
11	Shelly	Hettleman	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y		Y	A+
12	Terri	Hill	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y			A+
20	Sheila	Hixson	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Ab	Y			A+
23B	Marvin	Holmes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y			A+
35A	Kevin	Hornberger	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No			X	D
24	Carolyn	Howard	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			Y	A+
30B	Seth	Howard	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No				D F
7 27B	Rick Michael	Impallaria Jackson	No Yes	Yes Yes	No AB	No Yes	Yes Yes	No Yes	Y			г А+
36	Jay	Jackson	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	T			A+ F
10	Jay	Jalisi	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				г А
28	Sally	Jameson	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y			A+
10	Adrienne	Jones	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y			A+
14	Anne	Kaiser	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y			A+
16	Arianna	Kelly	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Ŷ	Y		A+
31B	Nic	Kipke	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No				D
9A	Trent	Kittleman	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No				F
26	Tony	Knotts	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y			A+
16	Marc	Korman	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				Α
19	Ben	Kramer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y			A+
5	Susan	Krebs	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No				F
ЗA	Carol	Krimm	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y			A+
42A	Stephen	Lafferty	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y			A+
12	Clarence	Lam	Yes	Yes	Yes	Ab	Yes	Yes	Y	Y	Y	A+
24	Jazz	Lewis	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				Α
46	Robbyn	Lewis	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y	1	Y	A+

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34A	Mary Ann	Lisanti	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y			A+
6	Bob	Long	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No				D
14	Eric	Luedtke	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y			A+
33 37B	Michael	Malone Mautz	No Ab	No Yes	No No	Yes No	Yes Yes	No No				F
37B 34B	Johnny Susan	McComas	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No				F D
33	Tony	McConkey	No	No	No	Yes	NV	No				F
45	Cory	McCray	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Y		A+
7	Pat	McDonough	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Ab				F
43	Maggie	McIntosh	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	NV	Yes	Y	Y		A+
1C	Mike	McKay	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No				F
30A	Herb	McMillan	Yes	NV	No	No	Yes	No				F
6	Ric	Metzger	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No				D
8	Christian	Miele	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	V			C
15 9A	Aruna Warren	Miller Miller	Yes No	Yes Yes	Yes No	Yes Yes	Yes No	Yes Ab	Y			A+ F
9A 20	David	Moon	Yes	NV	Yes	Yes	Yes	NV	Y		Y	г А+
19	Marice	Morales	Yes	Ab	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y	Y	-	A+ A+
29A	Matt	Morgan	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No		•		F
11	Dan	Morhaim	Yes	NV	Yes	Yes	Yes	Ab	Y		Y	A+
40	Nick	Mosby	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y			A+
38A	Charles	Otto	No	No	No	No	Yes	No				F
2A	Neil	Parrott	No	Yes	No	No	No	No				F
28	Edith	Patterson	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				Α
21	Joseline	Peña-Melnyk	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y	Y	Y	A+
13	Shane	Pendergrass	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y			A+
17	Andrew	Platt	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y	Y	Y	A+
27A	Susie	Proctor	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	V	V	N/	A
14 35B	Pam Teresa	Queen Reilly	Yes No	Yes Yes	Yes No	Yes No	Yes Yes	Yes No	Y	Y	Y	A+ F
29B	Deborah	Rey	No	No	No	No	Yes	No				F
39	Kirill	Reznik	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y			A+
39	Shane	Robinson	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Ŷ	Ŷ		A+
5	April	Rose	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No				F
41	Samuel	Rosenberg	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y			A+
33	Sid	Saab	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No				Α
37A	Sheree	Sample-Hughes	Ab	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No				В
47B	Carlo	Sanchez	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y			A+
5	Haven	Shoemaker	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No				F
31B	Meagan	Simonaire	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	.,			D
32	Theodore	Sophocleus	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y			A+
11 44B	Dana Charles	Stein Sydnor	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Y	Y		A+
44B 7	Kathy	Sydnor Szeliga	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No		T		A+ D
47A	Jimmy	Tarlau	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Y	Y	A+
13	Frank	Turner	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y	•		A+
26	Kriselda	Valderrama	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Ŷ			A+
23A	Geraldine	Valentino-Smith	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Y		A+
23B	Joseph	Vallario	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y			A+
4	David	Vogt	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No				D
18	Jeff	Waldstreicher	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y			A+
26	Jay	Walker	Ab	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				A
22	Alonzo	Washington	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y	Y		A+
43	Mary	Washington	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y	Y	Y	A+
42B	Chris	West	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No				D
20 2B	Jheanelle Brett	Wilkins Wilson	Yes No	Yes Yes	Yes No	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Yes No				A D
28	CT	Wilson	Yes	Yes	NO	Yes	Yes	NV				C
20 2A	William	Wivell	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No				F
2A 3A	Karen Lewis	Young	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y			A+
44B	Pat	Young	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				A

Food & Water Watch 2017 Maryland Senate Report Card												
District	First Name	Last Name	HB 1325 Fracking Ban	HB 1 Paid Sick Leave	HB 270 Lead Testing Schools	HB 631 Drug Price Gouging	SB 484 Public Transit	SB 423 Same Day Registration Amendment	Fracking Ban	Community Healthy Air Act	Water Shutoffs	GRADE
30	John	Astle	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y			A+
9	Gail	Bates	No	No	Yes	No	No	No				F
24	Joanne	Benson	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				A+
42	James	Brochin	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Y			D+
34	Bob	Cassilly	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No				F
43	Joan Carter	Conway	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			Y	A+
25	Ulysses	Currie	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y			A+
32	James	DeGrange	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes				C
37	Addie	Eckardt	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes				F
1	George	Edwards	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No				F
15	Brian	Feldman	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y			A+
46	Bill	Ferguson	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y			A+ A+
13	Guy	Guzzone	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y			A+ A+
36	Stephen	Hershey	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	1			F
4	Michael	Hough	No	No	Yes	No	No	No				F
7	J.B.	-	No	No				Ab				F
		Jennings	-		Yes	Yes	No		V			
17	Cheryl	Kagan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y			A+
12	Ed	Kasemeyer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				A
10	Delores	Kelley	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	NV	Y			A+
39	Nancy	King	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y			A+
8	Katherine	Klausmeier	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes				C
16	Susan	Lee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y	Y		A+
18	Rich	Madaleno	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y	Y		A+
19	Roger	Manno	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y			A+
38	Jim	Mathias	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				Α
45	Nathaniel	McFadden	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y			A+
28	Mac	Middleton	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				Α
27	Mike	Miller	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				Α
26	Anthony	Muse	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y			A+
44	Shirley	Nathan-Pulliam	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y	Y		A+
35	Wayne	Norman	Ab	No	Yes	Yes	No	No				F
41	Nathaniel	Oaks	Yes	Yes	Yes	AB	Yes	Yes	Y			A+
23	Douglas	Peters	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				Α
22	Paul	Pinsky	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y	Y		A+
47	Victor	Ramirez	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Ŷ	-		A+
5	Justin	Ready	No	No	Yes	No	No	No				F
33	Edward	Reilly	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No				D
40	Barbara	Robinson	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y			A+
21	Jim	Rosapepe	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y			A+
6	Johnny Ray	Salling	No	No	Yes	NV	No	No	1			F
2	Andrew	Sanng Serafini	No	No	Yes	No	No	No				F
31		Simonaire				Yes	NO	No				F D
	Bryan		Yes	No	Yes				V	V		
20	Will	Smith	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y	Y		A+
29	Steve	Waugh	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No				F
3	Ron	Young	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y			A+
11	Bobby	Zirkin	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y			B+
14	Craig	Zucker	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y			A+



Advocates from the Eastern Shore pose with Community Health Air Act sponsor Senator Rich Madaleno after testifying in support of the bill at its February 28 hearing.