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## END OF SESSION 2022 Newsletter

### Dear Friends & Neighbors,

I am proud to inform you that the Maryland General Assembly's 443rd session has come to a successful close. The session was extremely productive for all Marylanders, and we worked harder than ever to ensure that every citizen is provided for and well represented. I am confident that my hard work this session will benefit my constituents in so many ways, and I proudly share this end-of-session newsletter with you.



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# BUDGET

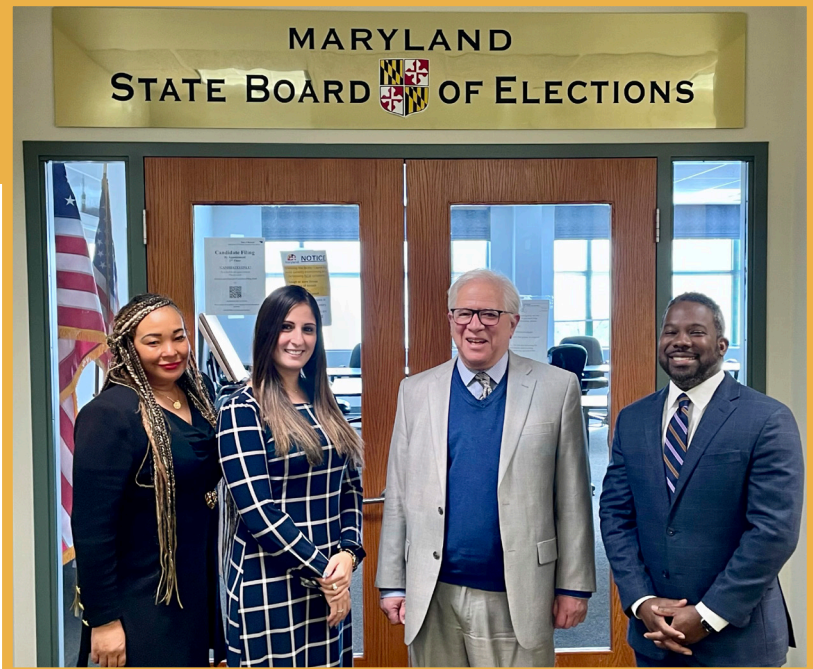
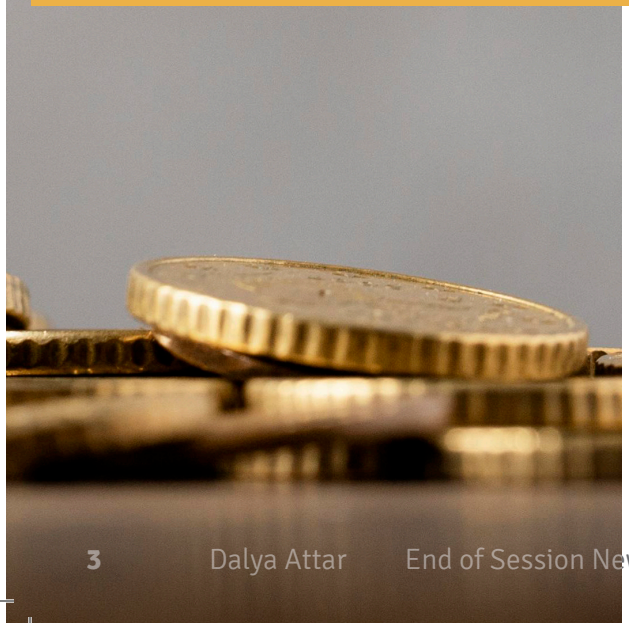
It is my job as your representative to ensure the State is being fiscally responsible while ensuring Marylanders' needs are met. I am therefore proud to announce the State's FY 23 Operating Budget passed with a record \$2.4B in the Rainy Day Fund for emergencies and provides more than \$650M to fund the General Assembly's legislative priorities like education, support for Marylanders with the greatest need, employee benefits and cost of living increases for state employees.

The budget includes:

- An increase of nearly \$150 million in funding for **CRIME PREVENTION AND VICTIM SERVICES**
- Over \$50 million in help for families to afford **CHILDCARE**
- Over \$100 million in funds to create more **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**
- \$800 million set aside for future **BLUEPRINT EDUCATION FUNDING**
- \$10 million for the **BOOST SCHOLARSHIP FUND** for low-income students
- \$202 million for providers serving **VULNERABLE POPULATIONS**
- \$35 million toward benefits for **CASH ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS**
- \$27 million to expand Medicaid **DENTAL BENEFITS** for adults
- \$30 million provided to serve 1,350 youth on the **AUTISM WAIVER WAITING LIST**
- \$10 million to launch **PAID FAMILY LEAVE**
- \$7 million for **SECURITY GRANTS** for entities at risk of hate crimes
- \$36 million to support **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REVITALIZATION** efforts

A crucial part of the budget is ensuring there is funding for projects in the 41st District. My colleagues in the 41st District, Senator Carter, Delegate Bridges, and Delegate Rosenberg, and I strongly advocated for many of the requested projects and I am so proud to announce that we were successful in securing nearly \$20 million in funding for our district!

- \$5 million to go towards a **NEW LIBRARY in Park Heights**
- \$2.5 million for the **AMBASSADOR THEATER**
- \$5 million for the **demolition of the PIMLICO RACE COURSE**
- \$5 million for the **NORTHWEST POLICE DISTRICT**
- \$125 thousand to **OUTWARD BOUND**
- \$300 thousand to **AHAVAS CHAIM CENTER**
- \$300 thousand to **BEACON HOUSE SQUARE**
- \$400 thousand to **COLDSPRING COMMONS**
- \$100 thousand to **LIBERTY VILLAGE PROJECT**
- \$270 thousand for the **MELROSE AVENUE BRIDGE**
- \$75 thousand for the **NORTHWEST PARK RENOVATION**





## CRIME

Violent crime continues to occur every single day in our neighborhoods, and I will not back down or give up. The level of violent crime is unacceptable and terrifying. We all deserve to be safe. As a prosecutor in Baltimore City, I continue to work on your behalf to keep violent offenders off the streets. As your delegate, I spent the entire legislative session fighting for funding and new laws to address crime.

### HB 1018: Public Safety Funding Transparency

House Bill 1018 requires the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to create a scorecard of quantifiable safety indicators to ensure that the State's public safety funding is being used in a manner that makes all Marylanders safer.

## Reducing Gun Violence

### House Bill 211 - Criminal Procedure - Warrantless Arrest - Straw Purchase Participant

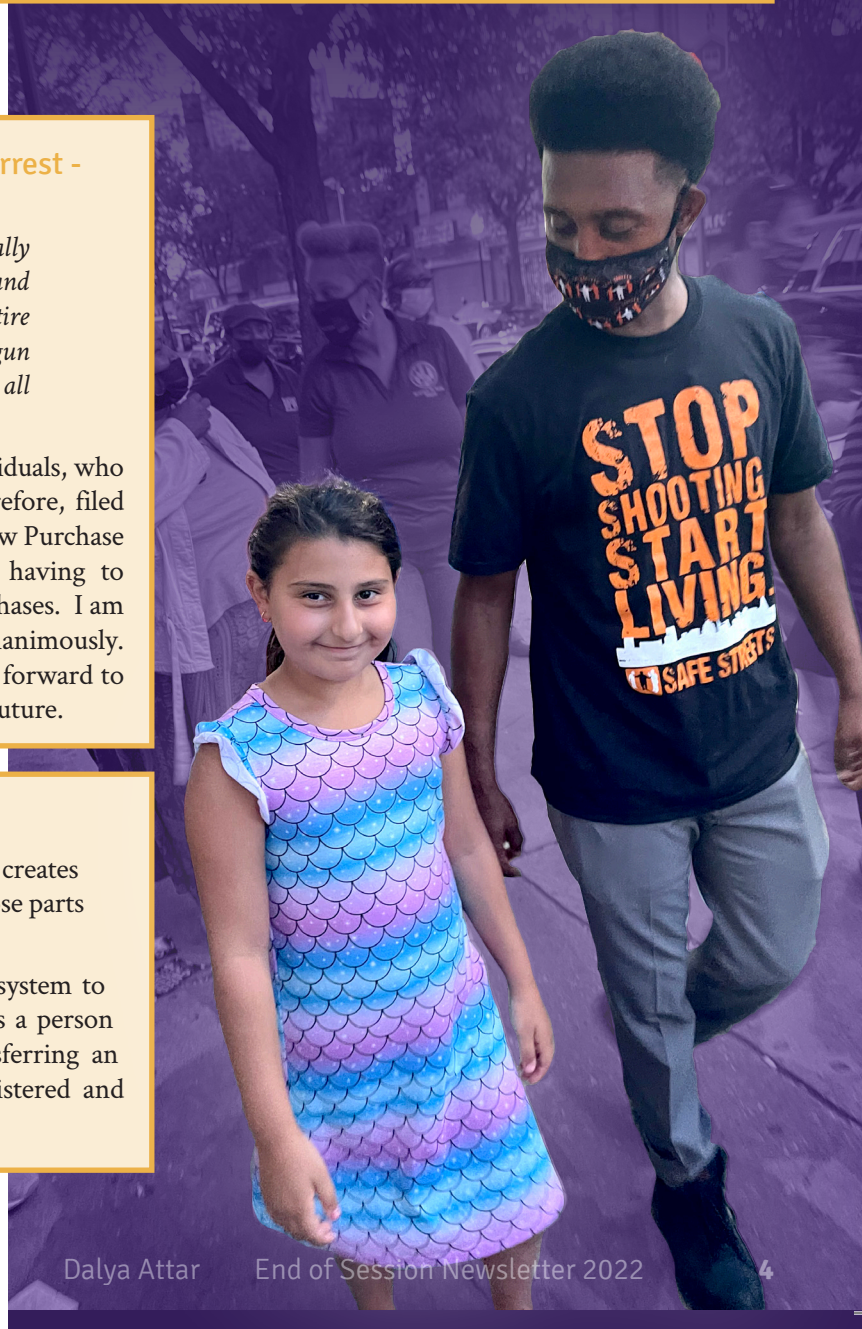
*Four people were shot within the last few months - three fatally - in one horrifying incident in Howard Park. My thoughts and prayers continue to go out to their loved ones and the entire community. This is one of many disturbing incidents of gun violence taking place throughout my District and affecting all my constituents.*

Unfortunately, people are selling handguns to prohibited individuals, who are then using these guns to perpetrate gun violence. I, therefore, filed House Bill 211, Criminal Procedure - Warrantless Arrest - Straw Purchase Participant, which would allow law enforcement, without having to obtain a warrant, to arrest individuals who conduct straw purchases. I am proud to announce this bill passed the House of Delegates unanimously. Unfortunately, the bill was not voted on in the Senate. I look forward to continuing advocating for this bill and it to become law in the future.

### HB 425/SB 387: Ghost Gun Ban

This legislation bans unregistered, untraceable 'ghost guns' and creates a plan for a system to register guns that can be sold in kits of loose parts and do not have a serial number.

The bill requires the Secretary of State Police to maintain a system to register firearms imprinted with serial numbers and prohibits a person from purchasing, receiving, selling, offering to sell, or transferring an "unfinished frame or receiver" or a firearm unless it is registered and imprinted with a serial number.





## Confronting Youth Violence & Providing Appropriate Resources for Our Youth

### House Bill 1276 - Baltimore City Youth Data Hub Establishment

Many young people in Baltimore City are receiving government services from multiple government agencies and nonprofits. These organizations collect data to better improve their services, however, they cannot currently share the data that they collect.

This lack of information sharing prevents Baltimore City from equitably meeting the needs of its young people. I, therefore, filed House Bill 1276, Baltimore City Youth Data Hub Establishment, which would enable these agencies to be able to share data and tailor interventions and services appropriately.

This bill specifically establishes the Baltimore City Youth Data Hub to promote the health, safety, security, and well-being of youth and to improve equitable access to programs serving youth in the city. It also establishes procedures to safeguard the security and confidentiality of data.

*I am proud to announce this bill passed both Chambers and is now law!*

### House Bill 1142 - Juvenile Offense Database

*Several years ago, I worked as a prosecutor in the Baltimore City Juvenile Justice Center. It was an extremely emotional and eye-opening time in my career.*

*It became clear to me that we are doing wrong by our children. Day after day I would see children going in and out of the system – like a revolving door. Our children – our future – are coming out of the juvenile system worse than when they went in. We are NOT properly rehabilitating these children and many of them are therefore continuing to commit violent crimes in our neighborhoods.*

*There is a lack of transparency in the system. How are we to ensure that our children are being rehabilitated if we are being kept in the dark? How are we to ensure that we are doing everything possible to keep our communities safe if we are lacking the important information?*

I, therefore, filed House Bill 1142, Juvenile Offense Database, which creates a database that provides a general description of any judicial or other action taken concerning a juvenile alleged to have committed an offense. This bill specifically excludes any identifying information about the juvenile.

We must do right by our children. Transparency is crucial in the process.

This bill did not move out of the House of Delegates, however, I look forward to continuing to work to reduce youth violence.



## CHILDCARE

As a mother of two young children who works full-time and has been working full-time since they were born, I understand the importance of good and affordable childcare. I am therefore extremely proud to have supported legislation that expands childcare for Marylanders.

*The following bills all passed the House of Delegates and the Senate!*

### **HB 89: Child Care Stabilization and Child Care Expansion Grant Programs**

House Bill 89 prioritizes family childcare providers most in need of the State's \$50 million stabilization grant. This legislation will allow family child care providers a better opportunity to take advantage of the grant this fiscal year.

### **HB 725: Therapeutic Child Care Program**

House Bill 725 establishes the Therapeutic Child Care Program for childcare providers that support students with developmental disabilities. The grant program will help provide up to \$45k for each child with severe developmental disabilities or delays.

### **HB 993: Establishes the Child Care Capital Support Revolving Loan Fund**

House Bill 993 creates a \$35 million revolving loan fund available to child care providers participating in the scholarship program. The loans will be at no interest and can be used for expansion, new construction/acquisition, and renovations of childcare facilities.

### **HB 995: Child Care Scholarship Program Improvement**

House Bill 995 improves the child care scholarship program so that students on the edge of eligibility can be automatically enrolled and allows child care providers participating in the program to receive their payments faster.

### **HB 1100: Bonuses for Child Care Providers and Employees**

House Bill 1100 fences off \$16 million in the budget for child care providers to use for employee retention and new hire bonuses.

# THE VILLAGE OF CROSS KEYS

As a Baltimore native, I grew up shopping at the Village of Cross Keys. Over time, the property fell into disrepair. The redevelopment of the Village of Cross Keys began in late 2020 after Baltimore-based development firm Caves Valley Partners purchased the property.

Caves Valley is attempting to revitalize the once successful dining scene at the property, based largely around the landscaped courtyard. Throughout the years, restaurants there were important meeting places for business people and members of the community. Today, there is not a single food or beverage establishment remaining at Cross Keys. With the support of the community, I filed

**House Bill 464** which establishes a marketplace liquor license at the Village of Cross Keys.

The concept proposed through the legislation is that each individual new tenant would still be required to get BLLC approval for its use under the umbrella license, but that patrons could purchase food and alcoholic beverages at any of the new establishments at Cross Keys and enjoy shopping and socializing within the confines of the retail component of the project.

The unanimous feeling is that this atmosphere would make Cross Keys desirable once again, for local residents, businesses choosing to locate at Cross Keys, and existing and future retailers looking to serve an active commercial area.

*I am proud to announce this bill passed both Chambers and is now law!*





## EDUCATION

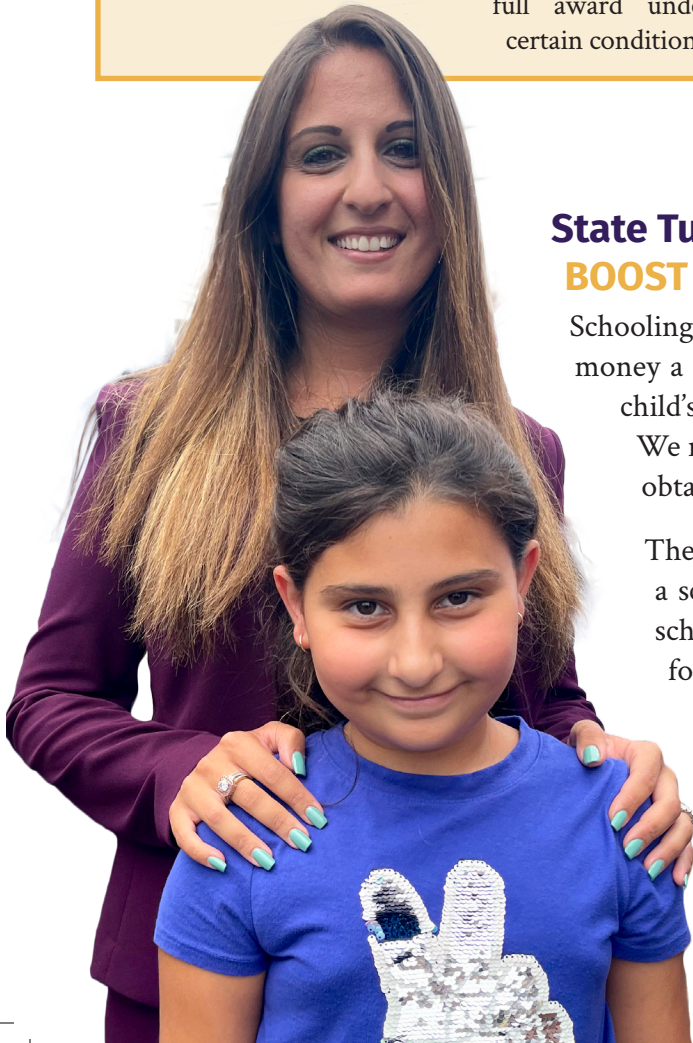
Education has always been and continues to be a top priority of mine. Our children are our future – and that is not just a cliché statement; rather, our children are literally our future. We must ensure all children are receiving a proper education from a very young age to ensure they have a productive, healthy, and successful future. I, therefore, worked on legislation and advocated for sufficient funding in the budget for all schools.

### HB 734: Maryland Student Investment Act

House Bill 734 expands access to higher education. It makes college more affordable for Maryland students by increasing funding to the State’s financial aid programs. It also improves the Guaranteed Access Grant so that grant recipients who become ineligible due to an income change will remain eligible for the full award under certain conditions.

### HB 277/SB 234: Purple Star School Program

I proudly co-sponsored this legislation which establishes the Purple Star Schools Program. This will provide students from military families with better support and stability when they have to change schools. The Purple Star Schools Program is administered by the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) and recognizes public schools that provide strong services and support for military-connected students and their families when students transfer schools as a result of a parent or guardian’s military service.



### State Tuition Assistance - BOOST Funding

Schooling should not be one-size-fits-all. Every child is unique, and the amount of money a parent makes should not determine what school the child attends. The child’s abilities and uniqueness should be the factors determining their school. We must therefore be certain we are supporting all children in ensuring they obtain a proper education tailored to their needs.

The Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today program is a scholarship program that helps low-income students pay for non-public school education. After spending a significant amount of time advocating for this program, I am pleased that 10 million dollars were allocated in this year’s budget. In addition to this funding, 13 million dollars was allocated for the non-public schools’ textbook program, aging schools facility grant, and school safety grant.



### **HB 1469: Maggie McIntosh Art Fund**

House Bill 1469 establishes the Maggie McIntosh Arts Fund to provide grants to help Baltimore City public schools purchase art supplies for their classrooms. The Maggie McIntosh School Arts Fund is a special fund administered by Arts Every Day to provide grants to specified schools in Baltimore City and must be used to expand the arts curriculum for students in schools in Baltimore City that are eligible for the concentration of poverty grants (CPGs). Beginning in fiscal 2023, \$250,000 annually must be allocated from the remaining money in the State Lottery Fund after other specified distributions are made.

### **SB 4: Cybersecurity Scholarship Program Improvements**

This bill expands the Cybersecurity Public Service Scholarship Program by allowing part-time students to apply under certain conditions. It increases the number of years an individual may hold an award and expands the positions that fulfill the program's work and teaching obligations. The Maryland State Department of Education must provide information on the scholarship to certain high school students. The bill also makes a technical change to clarify the conditions under which a student must repay the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) scholarship funds.

### **HB 1163/SB 362: Virtual Education**

This legislation equips the state for high-quality virtual education when a transition to remote learning is required and puts guardrails in place for existing virtual education raising the standard for these programs. It also requires the Department of Education to study best practices for virtual education and develop criteria for the establishment of virtual schools. The bill also requires local school boards to have a plan in place should they need to transition to virtual education for an extended period of time.

### **HB 1290: Public School Construction Funding**

This bill codifies the recommendations of the workgroup, and the State picks up more of the share. Schools with a high concentration of poverty get a 10% increase, while schools with good maintenance assistance are net-zero schools. This way, all students have adequate school facilities, and school systems will not be blind-sided by the local share.

### **HB 1450: Blueprint for Maryland's Future Alterations**

House Bill 1450 adjusts the Blueprint's implementation plan to better align with the formation of the Accountability and Implementation Board (AIB). The bill extends the dates for when the AIB must adopt a Comprehensive Implementation Plan (CIP) for the Blueprint and extends the dates for when the plans should be approved. The bill also dedicates a certain percentage of sales and use of tax revenues to the Blueprint's funding.



# MAKING LIFE MORE AFFORDABLE FOR MARYLANDERS

Life keeps getting more and more expensive for Marylanders. I am hearing from many constituents about how difficult it has become for many to afford necessities.

*I hear you and I agree with you.*

In an effort to help my constituents, I supported and sponsored several bills that passed both Chambers and are laws that will help make life more affordable for Marylanders.



## Gas Tax Holiday

### House Bill 1486 - Motor Fuel Taxes Tax-Free Period

This is a bill whose title says it all. I don't need to tell you that gas prices are out-of-control. We all know that already. I, therefore, co-sponsored this bill, which eliminated certain motor fuel taxes for 30 days and reduced the overall cost of gas for Marylanders.

## Statewide Homestead Property Tax Credits

Property taxes can cause extreme hardship for many. I, therefore, filed two bills this session to help alleviate the cost for Marylanders, and I am extremely proud that both bills passed in the General Assembly.

### House Bill 203

This bill requires SDAT to retroactively grant the homestead property tax credit for the prior taxable year.

### House Bill 204

This bill authorizes SDAT to accept an application for the homeowner's property tax credit from a homeowner one year after the April 15th deadline under certain circumstances.

***Both bills passed both Chambers and were signed into law by the Governor!***



## Family Budget Boosters

It is my job as your delegate to be fiscally responsible while bringing financial relief to my constituents and all Marylanders. I, therefore, co-sponsored several sales tax exemptions, all of which I'm proud to say passed both Chambers.

Exemptions include:

- diapers, baby bottles, baby bottle nipples, and infant car seats
- several medical devices
- oral hygiene products
- several diabetic care items



## Baltimore City Property Tax Credit

In 2014 the General Assembly passed the Baltimore City Residential Retention Act, which provides a real property tax credit to Baltimore City residents who received the Homestead Tax Credit for the last five years and relocate to a newly purchased dwelling in Baltimore City.

The tax credit is a fixed amount of \$4,000 to be applied to the homeowner's property tax bill over a five-year period. The bill took effect June 1, 2014, and ends June 30, 2024.

### House Bill 1398

I sponsored this bill which terminates this sunset. This tax credit has helped many and has been a great incentive to keep Baltimore City residents in the City.

*This bill passed both Chambers and is now law!*

**HB 1398** Third Reading (HB) Calendar No.78 (W&M)  
 Delegate Attar et al  
 Property Taxes - Baltimore City Residential Retention Credit - Termination of Sunset  
 On Third Reading

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## Additional Tax Credits and Investment Funds

### HB 2/SB 598: Work Opportunity Tax Credit

House Bill 2 helps put chronically unemployed Marylanders back to work by providing a tax credit to businesses that hire and retain workers from underrepresented communities.

### HB 1468/SB 405: Retirement Income and Senior Tax Credit

House Bill 1468 provides a nonrefundable credit against the State income tax for Marylanders who are at least age 65 and whose income does not exceed \$100,000 (\$150,000 if married filing jointly). The amount of the tax credit is equal to \$1,000 for an individual or if only one of the individuals filing a joint return is an eligible individual; and \$1,750 if married filing jointly and both individuals are at least age 65.

### HB 1479/SB 885: Maryland Equity Investment Fund

This legislation establishes the Maryland Equity Investment Fund to help ensure that we are using state dollars to invest in Maryland businesses. It uses the general fund surplus to invest in entrepreneurs and help seed companies' growth through the Maryland Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO).

### SB 369: Maryland Earned Income Tax Credit Assistance Program for Low-Income Families

Senate Bill 369 establishes Maryland Earned Income Tax Credit Assistance Program for Low-Income Families to ensure that low-income Marylanders who are eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) are actually receiving it. The EITC is one of the best, most effective anti-poverty tools we have, yet 1 in 4 Marylanders who can receive it are not. The program will help more families, individuals who make so little that they don't have to file tax returns, and other low-income Marylanders access the tax credit.

Last year, the General Assembly increased Maryland's EITC making it the highest in the nation and expanded it to allow immigrant taxpayers to take advantage of the tax credit.



# PIMLICO RACE COURSE

Pimlico is more than just horse racing. It is a place that offers significant potential for our community. Since my first session in Annapolis, I have made the redevelopment of the Pimlico Race Course one of my top priorities. Our neighborhood

deserves to live up to its potential. This redevelopment will not only ensure a safer neighborhood by not leaving this large area vacant, but it will also provide our community with significant revenue, and the multi-use development will serve as a place where our district's families can bring their children.

As a member of the Racing and Gaming subcommittee, after much advocacy last session, I was successful in ensuring sports wagering is allowed at Pimlico 365 days a year, which not only increases revenue but will lead to additional investment and redevelopment at Pimlico. In this session, I am proud to have been successful in securing \$5 million in the budget for the demolition of the Pimlico Race Course. As a Delegate of the district that represents Pimlico, my priority is to make certain that Pimlico is on the same playing field as all the other racing facilities and that we see the proper redevelopment in the near future.



## CYBERSECURITY

Over the last couple of years, we have seen our local governments and local departments being hacked, in addition to nationwide and international incidents involving cybercrime. We, therefore, spent a significant amount of time working on cybersecurity this session.

*I am proud that the following bills that I supported passed both Chambers and are now law.*

### HB 1202: Local Cybersecurity Support Act of 2022

House Bill 1202 codifies the Cyber Preparedness Unit Emergency under the Department of Emergency Management (MDEM) to assist local governments to be prepared for and respond to security hacks and other incidents. It requires local governments to report cyber security incidents to the local emergency manager, security operations center in DoIT, and the MD Joint Operations Center.

### HB 1205: Modernize Maryland Act of 2022

House Bill 1205 creates an oversight committee consisting of experts in cybersecurity, legislators, and industry leaders. It also includes a "fee for service" grant program provided at cost by the state, to assess local government's cyberinfrastructure and make grants available to jurisdictions that take advantage of the program.

This legislation also requires DoIT to conduct an audit of state cybersecurity infrastructure at least every two years with the assistance of hired outside consultants to provide insight into overall system security and identify deficiencies and areas for improvement.

### HB 1346: Improving State Cybersecurity Coordination and Governance

House Bill 1346 centralizes state cybersecurity operations inside of DoIT. The bill also codifies the Office of Security Management and the Chief Information Security Officer positions originally outlined in the Governor's Executive Order.

The bill also establishes the Cybersecurity Coordination and Operations Unit (CCOU) inside DoIT as a body to coordinate local efforts and support services to improve local, regional, and statewide cyber security readiness and response. This will serve as a place for locals to go for resources to improve their own cyber security efforts.

# ENVIRONMENT

As a mother of a young boy who has suffered from severe asthma and allergies all his life, I have learned the importance of a healthy environment for all Marylanders. I am therefore proud to have supported legislation that passed both Chambers and is now law and will assist us in creating a sustainable healthy environment for all.

## HB 696: Electric School Bus Pilot Program

House Bill 696 establishes a 3-year electric school bus pilot program to begin transitioning Maryland's 7,300 school buses from diesel to electric buses.

## HB 1391: Clean Cars Act of 2022

House Bill 1391 extends the Clean Cars program for zero-emission and fuel cell electric vehicles that cost \$50,000 or less. This bill is another important step in the right direction to reducing pollution and carbon emissions.

## SB 528: Climate Solutions Now Act of 2022

As amended by the House, this landmark legislation strengthens Maryland's commitment to mitigating the effects of climate change by setting achievable goals to reduce greenhouse gases and meet the goal of net-zero statewide emissions by 2045.

This bill is the result of nearly a year's worth of work by legislative leaders and advocacy organizations and it continues to prove that Maryland is a national leader when it comes to addressing climate change.

## SB 541: The Great Maryland Outdoors Act

Senate Bill 541 provides better support to the Maryland Park Service and makes critical improvements based on the recommendations by the State Parks Investment Commission. During the pandemic, patronage to Maryland's state parks increased by 45%; parks were unable to support the increased capacity because of decades of underfunding. This bill corrects decades of underfunding by providing nearly \$68M to address backlogged maintenance projects and repairs and new land acquisition to expand parks for better public access, historic preservation, flood mitigation, and enhanced staffing. It also includes \$20M for transportation improvements, parking availability, and trail connectivity. Additionally, the bill leverages power between the county and state parks for better partnerships to create a pipeline to hire and retain diverse staff, improve oversight of the park system and promote our state parks so every Marylander has access to their state parks.



## HEALTH

### **HB 6/SB 150: Expanded Dental Coverage for Adults on Medicaid**

This legislation expands access to dental care by allowing adults with Medicaid to get dental coverage beginning January 1, 2023. This will expand dental coverage to the nearly 800,000 Marylanders without dental care.

### **HB 413: Extended Provider Fee for State Reinsurance Program**

House Bill 413 reauthorizes the reinsurance assessment fee for large insurance companies which is used to make healthcare insurance more affordable. This assessment is projected to raise \$695 million in state funds from 2024-2028 and is expected to generate \$1.5 to \$2.5 billion in federal pass-through funds over that period.

Since the reinsurance program was established by the General Assembly in 2018, it has dramatically reduced the cost of insurance in the individual market and ensured that large insurers pay their fair share into Maryland's healthcare system.

### **HB 1403: End the Wait Act**

This bill requires the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) to develop plans to reduce the waitlists for seven specified waiver programs by 50%, beginning in fiscal 2024, and develop a plan to reduce the registry for the Autism Waiver that includes conducting eligibility determinations of individuals on the registry and, beginning in fiscal 2024, providing services to at least 50% of individuals determined eligible. This will get people the critical care they need.

### **SB 353: Insulin Cost Reduction Act**

Senate Bill 353 Limits the total amount of cost-share for insulin for individuals with health insurance plans. Over half a million adults in the state have diabetes. This bill puts a cap on the cost of insulin to \$30. It also requires an insurer, nonprofit health service plan, or health maintenance organization (collectively known as carriers) that provides coverage for prescription drugs and devices (including coverage provided through a pharmacy benefits manager) to limit the amount a covered individual is required to pay in copayments or coinsurance for a covered prescription insulin drug to no more than \$30 for a 30-day supply.

## TRANSPORTATION

### **HB 632: Baltimore East-West Corridor – Transit Study – Requirements**

Ensuring my constituents have access to efficient public transportation is crucial. I, therefore, co-sponsored legislation that would require the State Department of Transportation to promptly undertake all steps necessary to complete the design, engineering, and National Environmental Policy Act process for the Red Line Transit project.

*This bill passed both Chambers and is now law!*

### **HB 1187: Highway User Revenues**

This bill increases the share of funds from the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account (GMVRA) and corporate tax that the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) must annually provide to local governments through capital transportation grants from fiscal 2024 through 2027. This will provide critical funds to the counties, municipalities, and Baltimore City. This will help continue to fund critical transportation infrastructure. This four-year funding increase is a top priority for counties and municipalities across the state.

## Delegate Attar's College Scholarship

I have been fortunate to be able to award hundreds of students in my district with college scholarships. As someone who worked full-time during college and law school and is still left with a significant amount of student loans, I understand how difficult paying for schooling can be, and I want to be sure to help in any way possible.

The deadline for submitting scholarship applications for this year was April 30th. I look forward to dispersing thousands of dollars to my constituents again this year for scholarships.



Thank you for entrusting me to represent you, and I look forward to a successful interim continuing to work hard on behalf of all my constituents. Please feel free to reach out to me at any time. My email is [dalya.attar@house.state.md.us](mailto:dalya.attar@house.state.md.us).

Thank you,

*Dalya*

**MY RE-ELECTION FOR THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES IS THIS SUMMER  
AND I KINDLY ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**EARLY VOTING: July 7th to 14th    ELECTION DAY: Tuesday, July 19th**

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