

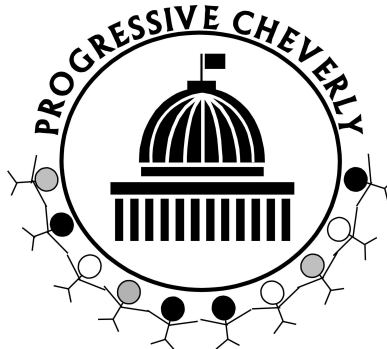
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Dear Senator Augustine and Delegates Fennell and Ivey,

Thank you all again for the productive conversation at Progressive Cheverly's legislative forum on September 25th. As follow-up we are pleased to provide this list of Progressive Cheverly's legislative priorities for the upcoming 2021 General Assembly session.

We recognize that this will be a challenging year on a number of fronts, most especially because of the financial repercussions of the pandemic. Also, given that we are developing these priorities earlier than we have done in the past in relation to the start of the session, we are not able to provide recommendations tied to specific bill numbers. As appropriate, we may weigh in later regarding specific bills in support of our priorities or for other important bills that are not reflected here. With that as background, below please find our legislative priorities below.

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Progressive Cheverly Legislative Priorities for the 2021 Maryland General Assembly Session

Notes from October 8, 2020 Discussion

Override Gov. Hogan's vetoes, including the Kirwin Commission education reforms/Blueprint for Maryland's Future, funding addressing decades of disparate funding for historically Black colleges and universities, a bill that mandated an increase in the per-pack tax on cigarettes, new taxes on nicotine vaping systems and a first-in-the-nation tax on digital advertising, establishment and funding of a Prescription Drug Affordability Board, background checks for the private sale of rifles and shotguns, and a series of measures providing resources to help address crime in Baltimore City.

Enact New Progressive Sources of Revenue to address the substantial costs needed to implement the Kirwin and HBCU legislation. Possibilities include at least combined reporting to close corporate tax loopholes, a millionaire's tax, and a first-time ever sales taxes for certain services.

COVID responses, including eviction protections, rental assistance, and worker PPE protections.

Criminal justice reform, including abolition of or amendment to the law enforcement officer bill of rights (LEOBR), controls on the use of lethal force, enhanced training, greater transparency in potential misconduct cases, and increased support for returning citizens such as housing, job assistance, and health services.

Behavioral health initiatives, including integrating mobile behavioral crisis units and emergency response units; training for police officers; and expanded substance abuse and mental health services in schools and prisons/jails as well as the general population.

Moving forward aggressively to address climate change, including raising the bar on our commitment to renewable energy, promoting renewable solutions

such as community solar, community choice energy bill, and expanded wind power, as well as mitigation strategies such as realistic flood prevention approaches.

Protecting the environment, including a single use plastic bag ban and all efforts to keep toxic chemicals out of our waterways.

Community Schools Support through funding and technical support.

Public Transportation Funds should be prioritized for public transportation first. Include funding and support for the Purple line and general health of the metro system. No funding for beltway toll lane expansion.

Expanded Social Infrastructure to Allow People to Work, Including expanded scope of and resources for child care voucher assistance program.
