



FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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2019 Legislative Package

Proposed Position Statements

Re-invest in Local Roads, Bridges, and Infrastructure, *submitted by the County Executive* – Support for legislation to reinstate State Highway User Revenue (SHUR) funding or the local share of the gas tax to Frederick County at a level equivalent to those that existed prior to the recession.

School Construction and Renovation Funding, *submitted by the County Executive* – Support an increase in state funding for school construction and renovation.

Paratransit transportation funding, *submitted by the Transportation Services Advisory Council (TSAC)* – Support for legislation that provides for an increase in funding for paratransit transportation.

Note: In the 2018 General Assembly session, Delegate Krimm sponsored a bill, HB 1537, the purpose of which was to bring dialysis providers, and any other sources that absorb such a large portion of paratransit services, to the funding table. This bill resulted in a Maryland Department of Health Commission to Study Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Funding. Upon completion of the study, this issue must continue to receive attention so additional funding sources may be identified.

Agriculture and Farming initiatives, *submitted by the Frederick County Farm Bureau* – Support for regulation and funding in the following areas: *Md. State Cover Crop Program, Dredging of the Conowingo Dam, Agriculture Sales Tax Exemption, Agriculture Education Curriculum, and Wildlife Control.*

Frederick Community College initiatives, *submitted by Frederick Community College (FCC)* – Support for additional funding for local capital improvement projects; support the Governor's recently announced College Affordability Initiative; support supplemental funds to provide the necessary services and equipment to support community college students with disabilities; support for a State matching grant in the amount of \$200,000 per campus that would match donations made by businesses and industries for workforce training needs; support a \$5 million supplemental grant to assist FCC departments and faculty in replacing textbooks and course materials with open educational resources; and oppose any increase in state-mandated tuition waivers for select segments of the population. These waivers cost the institutions approximately \$10 million in lost revenue dollars each year.

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League of Women Voters, Frederick County initiatives, submitted by Leagues of Women Voters, Frederick County -

- Support for public education (and opposition to vouchers for private education)
- Support for Ethics Reform in Government
- Support for legislation for Anti-Human trafficking

Frederick Community Action Agency (FCAA), City of Frederick initiatives, submitted by the Frederick Community Action Agency (FCAA) - Support for legislation that enhances the following programs.

1. **HUD Housing Choice Voucher Program:** Support for DHCD to adopt a “Homeless Preference” for the HCV Program, such a preference would have a tremendous and immediate impact on reducing homelessness in Maryland especially for homeless families with children.
2. **SSI/SSDI Outreach, Assessment, and Recovery (SOAR) Program:** Support for the expansion of the Maryland SOAR Program in order to assist people with SSI/SSDI applications who are homeless and disabled due to medical impairment, developmental disabilities, serious mental health conditions, or co-occurring disabilities.
3. **Emergency Medical Services Providing Mobile Crisis Response and Treatment:** Support for an increase in training for Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics followed by protocols to address the mental health crisis could significantly expand the availability of resources reducing unnecessary utilization of local hospital emergency departments.

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