

## **Indivisible Bowie and Beyond (IBBMD)**

What PACS do or will you accept and reject support from and why?

**I've been fortunate enough to receive support from a variety of organizations and individuals who share in my vision for a better Maryland, including labor unions like AFGE, NEA, SMART, IBEW and organizations like NewDems. I believe that big money has no place in politics, and look forward to sponsoring legislation in Washington to end Citizens United.**

What is your stance on support to Israel?

**I oppose foreign policy choices that weaken America's alliances and global leadership. Families in Maryland deserve a national security strategy that keeps our country safe and stands by democratic allies. That means working closely with partners, responding to terrorism and new threats, and leading with both strength and values. It also means supporting the U.S.-Israel alliance and making sure Israel has the help it needs to defend itself against Hamas and other terrorist threats. And let me be clear: keeping our country safe should never be a partisan issue. I believe the U.S.-Israel relationship needs to be one of close cooperation, mutual support, with no daylight between our leaders. This relationship is based not only on shared values, like democracy, pluralism, the rule of law, and individual liberty, but also on common interests. A safer and more secure Israel strengthens America's national security.**

Why did you decide to run for office?

**I am running for Congress to fight for all Marylanders just like I have done at the local level. I know Washington is broken. Donald Trump and his corrupt administration are dragging our government to its breaking point. I know that to stop Trump we need to elect the next generation of leadership who will prevent him from further rigging the system.**

**My pledge is simple: to make Maryland a place where families can afford to live with dignity, where seniors can count on their Social Security and Medicare, and where newcomers - like my family once was - are welcomed, not feared. I know we need leaders who are deeply rooted in the communities we serve, who can be a voice for the people.**

**I am the best candidate to serve Maryland as I am part of a new generation of leaders that are ready to deliver for working families. I earned endorsements from Congressman Steny Hoyer, U.S. Senator Angela Alsobrooks, Governor Wes Moore and more than 30 other elected officials and unions because they want a proven fighter in Washington to deliver results for Marylanders.**

What do you think is the biggest issue facing the average American?

**The biggest issue facing the average American is the high cost of goods and services, in particular rising electricity bills. This is a key priority for me and I will hold corporations, and particularly energy companies, accountable for driving up energy prices that hurt working families.**

**When utility bills were crushing people, I was the first legislator to call on the Public Service Commission for a moratorium on rate hikes. I co-led the [Break STRIDE Act](#) (HB1253) to protect ratepayers by closing loopholes that allow utility companies to overcharge consumers. I also introduced legislation to reduce energy costs and accelerate the transition to clean energy in buildings, including: the [Better Buildings Act](#) (HB0973), to cut fossil fuel dependence in new construction and the [G.R.E.E.N. Act](#) (HB0145), creating a no-interest clean energy loan program to help nonprofits lower their energy bills.**

**I will continue to fight for American families to ensure every community has reliable, affordable energy, by putting ratepayers first and holding utility companies accountable. This also includes making sure that data center developers pay their fair share and consumers are not bearing the cost of higher energy as a result of development.**

What is your plan to address the rising cost of living and housing?

**I am fighting to bring down housing costs so Maryland families can afford to build a future in the communities they love. Too many working families are being priced out by rising rents, limited supply, and corporate investors buying up homes. It's time for a federal housing strategy that makes homeownership possible for the next generation.**

**My agenda to address the rising cost of living and housing is to stop hedge funds from pricing out families. Specifically, I would prevent hedge funds and large institutional investors from buying up single-family homes and pricing Maryland families out of the housing market. I plan to expand and modernize the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) to finance more affordable housing developments across our district. I would cut federal red tape and incentivize the construction of mixed-income, workforce, and missing middle housing so we can increase supply and lower costs. I would also revitalize existing housing stock to preserve affordability and prevent displacement as property values rise. Lastly, I would support pathways to homeownership for first-time buyers through down payment assistance, fair lending enforcement, and expanded access to credit.**

**My track record on housing includes the sponsorship of the [End Hedge Fund Control of Maryland Homes Act](#) to protect housing affordability by limiting institutional investors' ability to buy up single-family homes. I also co-sponsored the [Maryland Transit and Housing Opportunity Act](#) to promote transit-oriented development to increase housing**

supply and access to reliable public transit. Lastly, I co-sponsored the [Renters' Rights and Stabilization Act](#) to strengthen tenant protections by creating a Maryland Tenants' Bill of Rights and limiting excessive security deposits.

What environmental issue is the most concerning for you?

I care deeply about protecting the Chesapeake Bay and the natural resources that make our district so special. We have a responsibility to safeguard these treasures for the families who live here now and for future generations. This is why I am fighting to make Maryland a leader in protecting our natural resources that define our district. I will hold big polluters accountable to protect the Chesapeake Bay and our rivers. I began to act on my concerns and championed Maryland's [RENEW Act \(Responding to Emergency Needs from Extreme Weather\)](#), a landmark climate accountability law that forces massive out-of-state fossil fuel companies to pay for damages caused by climate change, rather than burdening taxpayers. As part of my agenda, I plan to fully fund the Chesapeake Bay restoration and strengthen clean water protections. I will support a legislative agenda that prioritizes expanding conservation efforts, opposing increased resource extraction, and ensuring long-term ecological preservation such as [Wildlife Corridors and Habitat Connectivity Conservation Act of 2026 \(H.R. 8438\)](#).

How will you support green energy?

I am not waiting to be elected as Congressman to support green energy. It is important to act now given the urgent needs Maryland residents and businesses face when utility bills are crushing people. As State Delegate, I was the first legislator to call on the Public Service Commission for a moratorium on rate hikes. I co-led the [Break STRIDE Act \(HB1253\)](#) to protect ratepayers by closing loopholes that allow utility companies to overcharge consumers. I also introduced legislation to reduce energy costs and accelerate the transition to clean energy in buildings, including: the [Better Buildings Act \(HB0973\)](#), to cut fossil fuel dependence in new construction and the [G.R.E.E.N. Act \(HB0145\)](#), creating a no-interest clean energy loan program to help nonprofits lower their energy bills.

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What is your stance and approach to universal health care?

I am fighting to bring down the cost of healthcare in Maryland's Fifth because healthcare is a right, not a luxury. Families are paying too much for prescription drugs, premiums, and deductibles while corporations profit. At the same time, Donald Trump and Republicans are gutting the Affordable Care Act and undermining protections millions

rely on. No one should have to choose between groceries and lifesaving care. I have been a strong advocate in passing Medicare for All with a public option. It's time to deliver real solutions that guarantee universal access to high quality, affordable healthcare for all Marylanders. My agenda includes establishing universal health coverage, so that every Marylander can see a doctor when they need to, not just when they can afford; protecting a woman's right to choose and defend reproductive freedom; strengthening maternal health care by expanding prenatal and postpartum care, improving outcomes for mothers and babies, and addressing disparities in maternal mortality; holding insurance companies accountable by lowering premiums and eliminating surprise bills, hidden fees, and denials that put profits over patients; defending and strengthening public health agencies and vaccine programs so science, not politics, guides decisions that keep Maryland safe; and expanding access to care across Maryland's Fifth by investing in community health centers, mental health services, telehealth, and new sites of care so families can get high quality treatment close to home. My track record features co-sponsoring [legislation](#) to establish the [Public Health Abortion Grant Program HB 0930](#) to expand access to abortion care services across Maryland and the [Maryland Maternal Health Act HB 1051](#) to strengthen prenatal and postpartum care.

Which committee would you like to serve and how do you envision that supporting your district? I'd be honored to serve on Appropriations in Congress, with the goal of continuing to be a strong advocate and champion for bringing dollars back to the district. One of my biggest fears is that following Hoyer's retirement, this callous and dangerous administration decides to relocate our military installations in the district, devastating the 5th district's economy. A big part of how I envision supporting the district is by going to Washington to fight for our values, and ensure that we are protecting our federal workers, our military installations, and actually delivering for families across the 5th.

What is your stance on big business integration with the government and how do you intend to address it?

I support working with the private sector when it helps create jobs, drive innovation, and strengthen our economy. That means investing in emerging technologies like clean energy, artificial intelligence, advanced manufacturing, and biotechnology so Maryland and the United States can stay competitive and create good-paying jobs. It also means supporting responsible infrastructure and technology development, including clear rules for new financial technologies, strong consumer protections, and community input in major projects. I will work to expand federal contracting opportunities for minority-owned businesses by strengthening procurement goals and holding agencies accountable. At the same time, I believe big corporations must play by the rules, pay what they owe in taxes, and stop shipping jobs overseas. And I will always stand up for workers and working families, because economic growth should benefit them too.

What is your relationship with unions and intent towards supporting them?

**Unions have played an essential role in my work as a Bowie City Council Member, helping usher in the city's first Community Workforce Agreement, which created good paying union jobs on major infrastructure projects in the city. In the state legislature, I've led efforts to protect injured workers and improve Maryland's workers' compensation system as Chair of the Workers' Compensation Subcommittee. This last legislative session, I wrote and passed legislation to support our fire and rescue workers from workplace discrimination tied to lawful medical marijuana use. I also have led a three year effort to raise the minimum wage. This is why unions like AFGE, Maryland Teachers, IBEW Local 26, SMART, Bricklayers Local 1, UA Plumbers and Pipefitters, SEIU Local 500, and the Professional Firefighters of Maryland have all endorsed my campaign, because they know I will fight tirelessly to pass the PRO Act, protect prevailing wages, and strengthen our workforce.**

What is your stance on addressing the rising national debt?

**I believe we need to get the national debt under control, but we should do it in a balanced way—not on the backs of working families, seniors, or people who depend on essential programs. That means asking big corporations and the wealthiest Americans to pay their fair share instead of giving them more tax breaks. We should also cut waste, bring down costs where we can, and make sure the government collects the taxes it is already owed. We can build a stronger fiscal future without walking away from the people who count on a basic level of economic security.**

Do you see grassroots organizations as helpful, harmful, or neutral? Why?

**I see grassroots organizations as a positive force that helps build community power, increase civic engagement, and drive change at the local level. I especially value grassroots and labor groups because they give working people a stronger voice, help mobilize voters, and hold elected officials accountable. My door in Washington will always be open to the members of Indivisible, and any group, so that I may hear your cares and concerns.**