



Maryland Legislative Session Report

May 2025



Legislative Victories



Climate

STRIDE Reform (Ratepayer Protection Act) (SB937)

- This bill will reduce wasteful spending on gas pipelines, protecting Maryland residents from excessive utility bills and encouraging the transition to clean energy. It passed as part of a larger climate package, the Next Generation Energy Act.

ReNEW Act (HB128)

- This bill will create a study that will assess the cost of the damage greenhouse gas pollution has caused for Maryland residents, and identify the companies who have polluted the most.
- This will pave the way for additional legislation which could fine polluting companies and use the funds to adapt to climate change.



Pre-K

Mixed Delivery Model Viability Act (HB1475)

- This bill requires the State Department of Education (MSDE) to study the pre-K grant system and make recommendations on ways to improve the system.
- Delegate Feldmark introduced this bill after our advocacy at our November action.



Immigrants' Rights

Maryland Values Act (HB1222)

- This bill will restrict federal immigration agents from accessing non-public areas within public schools, libraries, and state-funded facilities without a warrant.
- It will also require state agencies to create policies to not sell or share people's personal data.

Legislative Next Steps



Housing and Renters' Rights

- Housing for Jobs and Good Cause Eviction, which we supported, did not pass.
- We will follow up with key state officials, including the Maryland Comptroller, Secretary of Housing, and Attorney General, to advance housing opportunities and tenants' rights.
- We'll also continue to strengthen our relationships and collaborate with legislators on these and other issues.



Legislative Highlight: Ratepayer Protection Act

This bill we helped pass this year will:

- Lower everyday people's gas bills
- Reduce the use of dirty natural gas that harms people's health
- Reduce pollution in the state



By the Numbers

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BILLS PASSED

50

**LEGISLATORS
MET WITH**

200

**ADVOCATES IN
ANNAPOLIS**

700

**PEOPLE AT NOV
ACTION**

900

**CAMPAIGN
PARTICIPANTS**

1,400

**EMAILS TO
LEGISLATORS**

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For me, going to Annapolis is playing a role in our civic liturgy - sharing in the work of justice and integrity of creation. We go with courtesy but strength to express our support for the issues we're focusing on.

I love the serendipity of community when we advocate together. We are different people who may not have met each other in person before, but we act together with a common purpose and an element of improvisation.

This community work is one of my creative outlets. We're not creating something as visible as a painting or a craft, but the invisible bonds of community. That's what brings me to this work and why I come back.

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Susan O'Callaghan Davis
St. Camillus Catholic
Church, AIM

Increasing Our Statewide Impact

ACT, AIM, and PATH joined forces to advocate together as the **Maryland Just Power Alliance** this legislative session. We announced our powerful statewide coalition at a packed action in November with 700 people and 15 elected officials.



Over 200 people joined us for our **Annapolis Advocacy Days** to meet with their legislators at the Maryland State House. Legislators were impressed by our turnout and the personal stories we shared.



Being part of the state legislative campaign was a way for me and my congregants to channel our feelings into action during this difficult time. I appreciate this interfaith organization because we all show up for different reasons based on our faith traditions and values, but ultimately with the goal of justice in our communities.

Our group's meeting with our legislator was powerful because we shared the mic equally and everyone was heard. I felt gratified to be able to use my own skills in partnership with others. I also appreciate the reflection and evaluation we do afterwards so we can really learn from each action and campaign.



Pastor Bre Roberts
Christ Evangelical
Lutheran Church, ACT

Reflection



Katie Zinler
MD Statewide Organizer

This legislative session, we were more engaged and had a stronger presence in Annapolis than ever before, and it was the first year that ACT, AIM, and PATH officially came together as the Maryland Just Power Alliance!

With federal policy changes affecting many in our communities, this work at the state level was more important than ever.

We played a key role in coalitions that passed four bills which will have a tangible impact on people's lives. We also learned important lessons which will help us as we continue to evaluate our strategy for future legislative sessions.



William Crutchfield
First Baptist Church of
Guilford, PATH

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I got involved during this statewide campaign because I wanted to give back to the community. Attending the first meeting inspired me to attend the next, and the next, until I was hooked.

I enjoyed every minute of it, even when I was freezing outside the State House during Advocacy Day. The group encouraged me to step out of my comfort zone by speaking to legislators, and it went well.

It was meaningful to work on these issues that impact all of us, like housing, pre-K, and immigration. We accomplished some important tasks during this session. The legislators know who we are now, and we'll be coming back.

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Get Involved



Listening can help us uncover the issues we have in common even as there are many attempts to divide us.



Marla Schulman, B'nai Israel Congregation, AIM &
Moira McGuire, Islamic Society of Annapolis, ACT



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Listen

ACT, AIM, and PATH are launching powerful listening campaigns in congregations, schools, unions, and other groups across Maryland through the end of 2025. We invite you to participate! Reach out to your local organizer or contact us at the emails below.

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Donate

Support our work today. Visit the ACT, AIM, or PATH websites below and click "Donate."

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Celebrate

We hope many of you from the Maryland Just Power Alliance will join us in honoring AIM's 25th anniversary this summer and fall.

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