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From the President

Dear WDC Family,

WDC members can be proud of our work during this state legislative session. Together with over 400 members of the grassroots advocacy team we –and you! – helped change laws to aid women and their families across the state.

Criminal justice and police reform were at the heart of an enormous amount of work. Maryland made history with sweeping police reform and accountability legislation, becoming the **first** state to end the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights (LEOBR) and establish statewide use-of-force policy. That's fitting: 50 years ago we were the first state to enact LEOBR.

We helped win passage of the bill abolishing juvenile life without parole (JLWOP), giving over 400 Marylanders who've served 20+ years for an offence committed as a juvenile a chance to ask for resentencing. Fully 87% of those 400+ Marylanders immediately eligible are Black. This ban on JLWOP brings us in line with the US Supreme Court, 24 states, and DC.

WDC worked on many issues of course. We helped pass bills to support vulnerable communities, tackle drug prices, protect families from excessive medical debt, create a targeted child tax credit, support parenting students, usher in a new age of telehealth medicine, override the veto of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future with key modifications; and by no means last or least, repeal the racist state song.

[Look for a full legislative wrap-up by our Advocacy Committee on the website and your inbox!](#)

And looking ahead!

- Please join us April 29 to hear from Dr. Fiona Hill on threats to our democracy. See below!
- Help us pass For The People Act. HR1/S1 expands voting rights, addresses campaign finance laws and the influence of money in politics, plus partisan gerrymandering, and ethics rules for federal officeholders.

Democratically yours,
Diana Conway
President



Events Update

Threats to American Democracy

When: Thursday, April 29, 1-2 pm with Fiona Hill



Fiona Hill
Thursday, April 29, 1 pm
Threats to American Democracy

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Fiona Hill catapulted to national prominence with her riveting testimony in the first Trump impeachment trial, where she demonstrated her deep, no-nonsense understanding of Russian-American relations; equally important, she exuded integrity, courage, and love of country. At that time, Hill was serving on the National Security Council.

Currently at Brookings, Dr. Hill worked previously The National Intelligence Council, The Eurasia Foundation, and Harvard's Kennedy School. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Dr. Hill has written extensively on Russia, the Caucasus, Central Asia, regional conflicts, energy, and strategic issues. Her books include *Mr. Putin: Operative in the Kremlin*, and *The Siberian Curse: How Communist Planners Left Russia Out in the Cold* (both co-authored with Clifford Gaddy).

Dr. Hill earned a master's degrees from Harvard University and from Scotland's St. Andrews University, and a doctorate from Harvard.

Based on her decades-long exploration of authoritarian regimes, Dr. Hill recently characterized the January 6th Capitol attack as an attempted "self-coup" from Trump. Her newest book is *There Is Nothing for You Here: Opportunity in an Age of Decline*, due out in September 2021.

[Register Here](#)

Take Action!



Help Pass For the People Act!

The For the People Act (HR1/S1) will safeguard voting rights, mandate independent redistricting commissions, increase transparency in campaign financing, and more! It's passed the House – now we need to get it passed in the Senate which will likely include ending or modifying the filibuster. You can help by calling constituents of key Senators and asking them to tell those Senators to let this bill have a vote on the Senate floor. [Sign up now!](#)

- To make calls with Silver Spring Progressive Action, click here: <https://www.mobilize.us/commoncause/event/378005/>
- To make calls with Do The Most Good, click here: <https://www.mobilize.us/commoncause/event/380035/>
- To make calls with Indivisible Montgomery and J Walkers, click here: <https://www.mobilize.us/commoncause/event/379021/>
- Or choose any of the For The People Act phonebanks listed on the Common Cause Mobilize home page at <https://www.mobilize.us/commoncause/>



Save the Date for this WDC Event!

- May 31, with Congressman John Sarbanes, "For The People Act: Voter Suppression, Dark Money and the Filibuster"

Community Events



MONTGOMERY
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**DEMOCRATIC
PARTY**

Montgomery County Democratic Party
Events Calendar, [click here](#).

Dem Club Meetings

D15 Legislative Wrap Up Town Hall

Thursday April 22, Earth Day, 7 pm

Register to receive Zoom link [here](#)

Upcounty Democrats Monthly Breakfast

Monday, April 26, 7:30 am

Register to receive Zoom link [here](#)

Precinct Volunteer Orientation Session

Monday, April 26, 2021, 7 - 8 pm

Register to receive Zoom link [here](#).

District 39 Legislative Wrap Up

Thursday, April 29, 7:00 pm

Register to receive Zoom link [here](#)

Democratic Club of Leisure World

May 13, 6:30 pm -- Annual "Report from Annapolis" with our D19 State Senator and Delegates

For information, please contact Jane Corona jane.e.carona@gmail.com



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Community Ambassador Volunteers Needed for County Vaccine Pre-registration Events

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residents about the COVID-19 vaccine and assist with pre-registering for a County Health Clinic appointment.

We need volunteer Community Ambassadors for in-person outreach at County-supported events in communities where COVID rates are high, vaccination rates are low, and barriers to receiving the vaccine are significant. Duties include distributing vaccine fliers, answering questions, hosting information tables, distributing COVID kits, and offering pre-registration assistance. Since the events take place in multilingual areas, volunteers with language skills (particularly fluency in Spanish) are vital! Please know that ensuring COVID-safe interactions by practicing social distancing, wearing masks, using hand sanitizer, and relying on posters with QR codes is a top priority!

Interested? Go to the Vaccine page on the [Volunteer Center website](#), scroll down to "Resources for Community Ambassadors" showing dates and links to sign up. A required zoom information session will cover event goals, equity, appointment options, pre-registration, and relevant resources -- plus you will have the opportunity to ask questions.

Maryland Equity Vaccine Hunters: Helping the Underserved

[Maryland Equity Vaccine Hunters](#) mobilizes volunteers to schedule appointments for individuals who are BIPOC, LGBTQ, immigrants, disabled individuals, or non-English speakers. Members of these groups can post a message to the Facebook page seeking help scheduling an appointment. A volunteer will reach out to each person for their personal information and preferred vaccine locations, then do the legwork to schedule an appointment.

If you are a member of an underserved community in need of a vaccine appointment, please click [here](#) to be matched with an Equity Vaccine Hunter.

If you would like to volunteer to help others schedule appointments, please click [here](#) to become an Equity Vaccine Hunter and schedule appointments for others.



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