



# Meyer Marks

## Maryland Senate

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### *‘A Platform for Maryland’s Future’*

#### **Fiscal Accountability**

Maryland's oppressive tax burdens on our citizens have left our state with another \$2 billion budget shortfall. As your Senator I will bring a new era of fiscal responsibility and accountability to Maryland tax payers, by address the long running discrepancy between state revenue and spending. In order to compete we need to establish a business friendly environment, with lower taxes for small business and private sector investments.

#### **Justice and Security**

We must put an end to Maryland being ranked 5<sup>th</sup> as the most violent state in the country. As your Senator I will support “truth in sentencing legislation” that requires violent offenders to serve 85 % of their time. With the steady increase in illegal emigration to Maryland, we must enforce federal emigration laws in Maryland. This increase has put an ever greater strain on our states limited resources, as well as public safety.

#### **Health Care Reform**

In order to have real reform in health care, first we need to bend the cost curve enough for individuals and business, by cutting unfunded mandates, allow out of state health insurance purchase and reform medical malpractice insurance. I support the states having greater flexibility to adapt the program that fits their needs best. The best solution for Health Care reform has the local communities not the Federal government, through a public / private partnership.

#### **Government Transparency and Accountability**

Citizens need to be more engaged with their elected official, by State Government embracing new web 2.0 technologies. This new interactive technology is transforming the relationship between citizen and government. I support an established standard of transparency under the freedom of information Act for all state documents, such as state budgets contracts and pending legislation for online public access.

Maryland General Assembles web-site should become more user friendly with easy access to how members vote in committee hearings.

### *“Marks for Maryland”*

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