



Women's Law Center of Maryland

Celebrating 50 Years of Advancing Justice

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Here we are! While we had a brief taste of session during [December's Special Session](#), the real thing is just beginning. **Today is the start of the 444th session of the Maryland General Assembly**, our fourth session since the beginning of the pandemic that ended the 441st session early. While we won't be in Annapolis physically, the WLC will be watching both the House and the Senate carefully, and we will be advocating on all the bills that disproportionately affect the physical safety, economic security, and bodily autonomy of women in Maryland.

Every year the WLC follows nearly 200 pieces of legislation, and takes a position on approximately 100 bills. Despite the continued challenges of the pandemic, in some ways we expect this year to be like every other, which is to say unpredictable, exhilarating, and fast moving.

While bill hearings and written testimony are important to the process, nothing is more important than the collective voices of constituents supporting or opposing proposed laws. And that is why we do our best to keep you informed of what bills are being heard, what the challenges are to getting them passed (or blocked!), and when action is needed.

Each Monday we'll be sending out alerts with everything you need to know about that week's bill hearings and when bills are up for a vote. We make it as easy as possible, providing you with a timeline, bill details, and the contact information for the legislators who need to hear from you. But you'll only get that information if you [sign up for our Legislative Alerts](#). And you'll make a difference by taking those steps to reach out – either via email or phone call – to the folks in Annapolis.

Whether you're a long time subscriber to the legislative alerts, or a general member of the WLC contemplating making the plunge, please know that we count on you to get the word out. Every call is tallied and email read by legislative staffers. Your opinion could be the one that shifts the balance and changes a legislators vote.

It is an honor and a privilege for us to do this work and we appreciate you following along. The next 90 days are going to be a rollercoaster and we are so glad to have you along for the ride!

Onward,

The WLC Advocacy Team

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About The Women's Law Center of Maryland

The vision of the Women's Law Center of Maryland is a legal system that provides justice and fairness for women. The Women's Law Center's mission is to ensure the physical safety, economic security, and autonomy of women throughout the State. We work towards this goal by providing direct legal representation, information and referral services, and legislative advocacy.

Our efforts to promote justice, fairness, and equality for women are only possible because of friends like you.

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