



Celebrating 50 Years of Advancing Justice

Dear Jessica,

At midnight tonight, the Maryland General Assembly will adjourn sine die, meaning it will adjourn for the very last time of this session, with no specific time or date on which to resume. That means any bill left unpassed today, will have to be brought back next year.

I can't tell you how things will end tonight. But I can tell you that that already in the past 89 days the Women's Law Center **monitored over 170 bills** and submitted **over 110 pieces of written testimony**. Our Legal Director, Laure Ruth, and I **testified in person in dozens of hearings** and we sent out **more than 20 legislative alerts**.

You all clearly answered those calls to action. We heard from legislators that they received emails, phone calls, and more from you all on a lot of the bills we were supporting. And it made a difference. Because this year saw the passage of some truly momentous pieces of legislation. More than 50 of the bills we have been fighting for have already been passed by the legislature and we know that number will continue to rise as the day goes on.

Included in those successes:

The Reproductive Rights Package of 2023

The Child Sex Trafficking Safe Harbor and Service Response bill

The Repeal of the Spousal Defense to Sex Crimes bill

The Fair Wage Act

The Trans Health Equity Act

Again, I may not know exactly how the session will end tonight, but I know for certain that we could not have come this far without your support. Thank you for caring about these issues. Thank you for being passionate advocates. And thank you for following along with us this year.

Stay tuned in the next couple of weeks when we'll send out our annual Legislative Wrap Up for a full report of all the bills we took positions on. And join us at our **Annual Awards Celebration** in May where we can collectively celebrate our successes. Until then, thank you and may we continue fighting the good fights together.

Onward together,

P.S. As always, if you appreciate the work we do, whether in the General Assembly or through our [direct legal services](#) across the State, [give here!](#) And if this email was forwarded to you by a friend, make sure to sign up for our legislative alerts [here!](#)

P.P.S. **Save the Date for the WLC's Annual Celebration and Awards Ceremony on May 3rd at 6pm at Citron!** Join us in presenting the Rosalyn B. Bell Award to Marla Zide, Esq.; the Dorothy Beatty Memorial Award to Robyn Elliott; and the Access to Justice Award to Natasha M. Dartigue, Esq. and Debbie Feinstein, Esq. For more information or to buy tickets, click [HERE](#).

Have an event you'd like to share with us? Send us an [email!](#)

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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