



Women's Law Center
of Maryland

Celebrating 53 Years of Advancing Justice

Contact your senators!

Four incredible bills have passed committee, and we need **YOU** to **contact your Senator urging them to vote favorably** on the following bills that impact Maryland women's physical safety, economic security, and bodily autonomy!

Contact your Senator!

SJ1- Affirming the Federal Equal Rights Amendment



SJ1 was a bill that the WLC presented written and oral testimony to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee. The bill has **passed** the committee with a vote of **9-1!!!** Please **contact your Senator** and urge them to support this resolution.

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SB119- Legally Protected Health Care- Gender Affirming Treatment

Intersectional feminism is essential. Advancing justice for women always **includes trans women.** SB119 ensures **meaningful access to gender-affirming treatment** for over **20,000 transgender Marylanders.**

**Contact your Senator
Today: Urge Support of
SB119!**



SB119 was **passed** by the Senate Finance Committee **7-3**. The WLC of Maryland supports this important legislation because it protects healthcare workers who provide gender-affirming care from legal consequences. Please **contact your Senator** and urge them to support this legislation.

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SB391- Criminal Law- Sexual Extortion, Stalking, & Revenge Porn- Removing the Statute of Limitations

Expanding the prosecution window recognizes the **challenges victims face** in identifying and addressing digital crimes and **strengthens protections against digital abuse.**

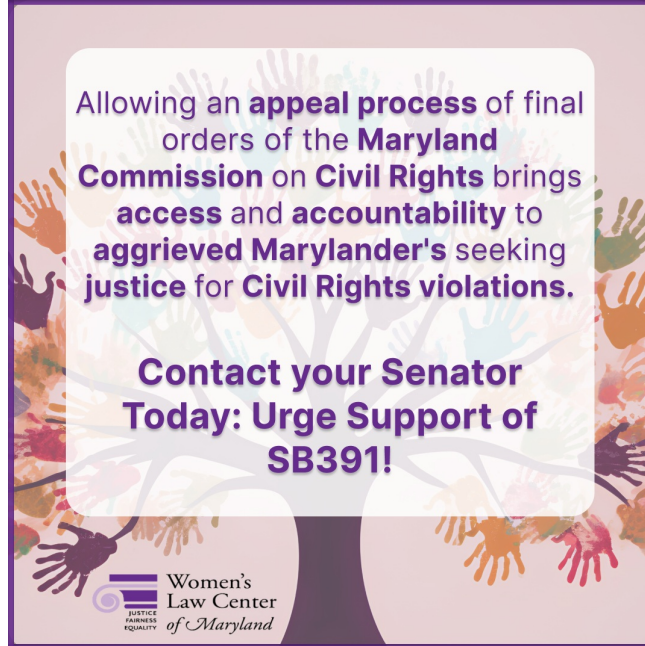
**Contact your Senator
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SB391!**



SB391 was a bill that the WLC supported and provided written and oral testimony. The bill has **passed** the committee by a vote of **44 -0**. This bill removes the statute of limitations on these specific crimes. Please **contact your Senator** and urge them to support this legislation.

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SB50 Human Relations- Commission on Civil Rights- Appeal of Final Orders

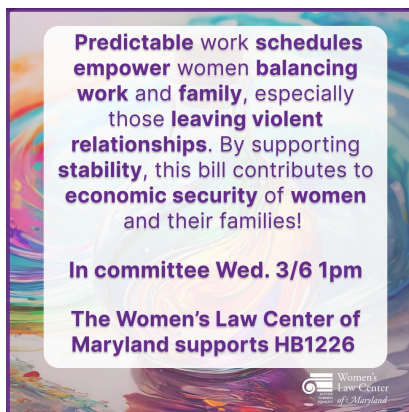


SB0050 was **passed** by the Health and Government Operations committee **45-0**. This bill will allow an appeal of a final order of the Commission on Civil Rights. The bill will go to the Senate for a full vote. Please **contact your Senator** and urge them to support this legislation.

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Check out another incredible bill making a difference for Maryland women to be heard this week!

Wednesday March 6th:



HB1226 The Maryland Predictable Scheduling Act of 2024

creates the stability workers need to plan their lives. Some of the protections the law creates for workers include two weeks' notice of shift schedules, a right to decline last-minute additions or changes to scheduled shifts, and partial pay when shifts are canceled or cut at the last minute

HB1226 will be heard on Wednesday, 3/6, at 1 pm!
Click below to email members of the House Economic Matters Committee and ask for a favorable vote.

Email House Economic Matters Committee Members to support HB1226

We will provide updates on these bills and others we are working on as session progresses. In the meantime, don't forget to let **your legislators** know about what issues matter most to you!

Onward together,

Katie

Katie Curran O'Malley

Executive Director

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. Get your tickets for the WLC's Annual Celebration and Awards Ceremony on May 7th at 6pm at Citron!

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.

Give Today

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