MD DEMS Weekly Newsletter

Chair Check-In

Hi Dylan,

Happy Monday, Democrats!

We're less than 40 days til the most important election in recent memory. Our party has had a very busy week, so let me take a few minutes to catch you up. Last week, we released three statements and held a well-attended press conference at our HQ in Annapolis alongside Senators Kagan and Hettleman to call on Dan Cox to accept election results in November, which he has refused to do.

We made it clear that Cox's decision to file an appeal against the court's ruling regarding the counting of mail-in ballots isn't a surprise by any means. It's straight from his cult leader's playbook of deny and delay. It is, however, disheartening. When an election process is dragged out, confusion, misinformation and tension can lead to negative things. The election process is a pillar of the American experiment that is democracy. Without a free and fair election, the idea of democracy erodes.

We applauded the court's decision and we're confident that everyone will see Cox's appeal for what it is - an appeal to please his extreme MAGA followers, rather than a legitimate appeal based on facts or process. And we reminded Marylanders that if Dan is already struggling to accept a loss in court in September, then November won't be much fun for him.

Michael Peroutka doubled down on Cox's appeal in a bizarre radio rant that included wild and ignorant claims about same-sex marriage, reproductive freedom, and the general way that democracy and law in this country works.

It would be easy to write them off and ignore their rhetoric. But we don't fight misinformation with silence. And we don't fight fear or gaslighting with timidity or apprehension. Because we've seen the awful things that can happen when the extreme MAGA wing gets influenced and incited by people like Trump, Cox and Peroutka.

And we won't have that in Maryland. Our state, our neighbors, friends, and families deserve much better than Cox, Peroutka and Glassman. And Marylanders know that. People are paying attention and making it clear which side of history they want to be on. So we must meet the moment. And we will. Our party from top to bottom has been reminding folks of the importance of electing Wes and the whole democratic ticket. The contrast is clear.

I'd like to take a minute to discuss the Washington Post poll that was released this weekend showing our candidate up by 32 points on the GOP candidate. As I've said before, a poll is not good news, it's not bad news, it's just news. It's just a poll. The only poll that matters is on November 8. Our party is full steam ahead with every resource and effort focused solely on sprinting through the finish line in November.

What we CAN take from the poll was that the top three key issues on the minds of voters are economy, threats to democracy, and crime. We as a team must be clear with voters that our plans to improve the economy and combat crime are better options for Marylanders, and that Republicans under a QAnon, extreme MAGA leader like Dan Cox would be the biggest threat to democracy that our state has ever seen.

The mission is clear. 36 days to go. Let's get to work.

In Unity & Solidarity,
Yvette Lewis

Events

#AllBlueIn22 Phonebanks

- Daily Coordinated Campaign IN OFFICE Phonebanks - Multiple Dates & Times
  - **Baltimore City**
  - **Baltimore County**

- Prince George's County
- Anne Arundel County
- Montgomery County
- Wicomico County

- **AAPI DLC Phonebank - IN HOWARD COUNTY OFFICE**

- Daily Coordinated Campaign Phonebanks FROM HOME - Multiple Dates & Times
  - **Baltimore Region**
  - **Howard County, Anne Arundel County, & the Eastern Shore**
  - **Prince George's County**
  - **Montgomery County**
  - **Do The Most Good phonebanks**
  - **South Asians For America phonebanks**

- Coordinated Campaign Canvasses - Multiple Dates & Times:
  - **Prince George's County**
  - **Baltimore City**

- Baltimore County
- Anne Arundel County
- Montgomery County
- Charles County
- Calvert County
- St. Mary's County
- Howard County
- Talbot County
- Baltimore County - After Work Knock
- Baltimore City - After Work Knock
- Anne Arundel County - After Work Knock

- Weekend of Action Canvasses - We will be launching canvasses across the state before ballots arrive in mailboxes. Check out our **Mobilize page** to find your closest canvass location this weekend.

If you have any questions about these events, you can email **info@mddems.org**.

*Want to do more? You can help elect Democrats up and down the ballot by signing up to volunteer **here**.*

Our Highlights Last Week

- Hosted phonebanks across the state.
- Knocked doors in Charles, St. Mary's, Montgomery, Anne Arundel, Prince George's, Howard, Baltimore City, & Baltimore Counties.

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Volunteer Spotlight

Sean O'Neill & Amy Conroy

Anne Arundel County

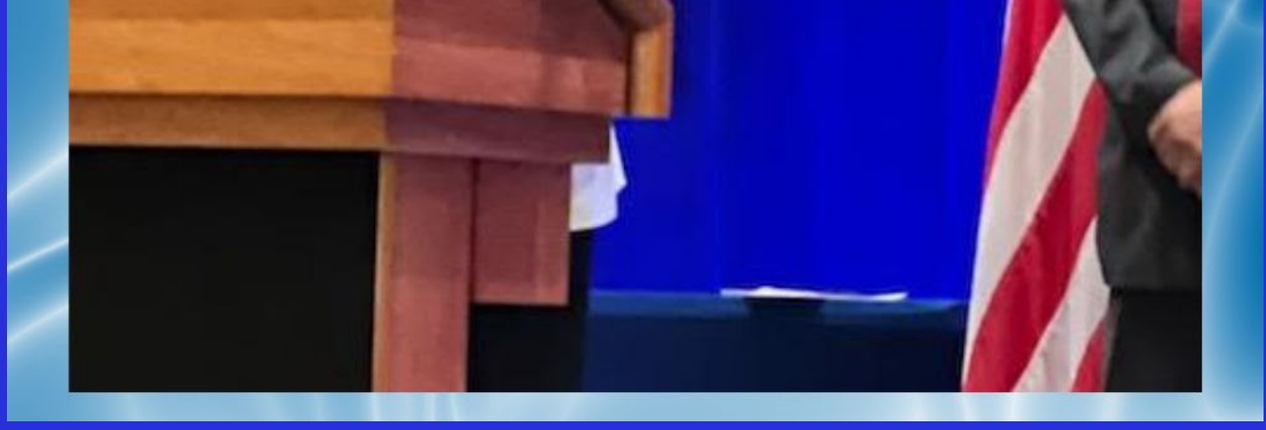
- Attended Congressional Black Caucus events.

- Attended the Tawes Crab & Clam Bake.

- Hosted an AAPI DLC event in Washington County with Congressman Trone.

- Hosted a press conference with Senators Hettleman & Kagan to call on Dan Cox to accept the results of the election.

- Attended the Montgomery County DCC Annual Awards Celebration.



Election Information

MDP IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO HELP PROTECT THE VOTE FOR EARLY VOTING AND ELECTION DAY

Sign-up today!

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VOTER PROTECTION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Maryland Democratic Party, working with county central committees, is seeking volunteers to assist with the voter protection program on election day and during the early vote period.

Early voting is October 27th - November 3rd. Election day is November 8th.

You do not have to be an attorney, but you do need a cell phone to access the Internet. Some counties have three shifts on starting at 6:45 AM and run throughout the day; others have two. Individual DCCs make that decision. You must attend a (virtual) training session before receiving an assignment and volunteering.

There are four roles:
1. **Poll Watchers** are located inside the polling location and observe interactions with election judges and voters. You are the eyes and ears for the Party at the locations and watch for, and report slow lines or other problems.
2. **Poll Monitors** are located outside the voting site and watch for people or actions that cause disruption or are intended to intimidate voters.
3. **Rovers** travel by car to several sites in the county or a few counties in the more rural areas. You must have your own vehicle.
4. **Visibility** passes out Democratic literature and urges people to vote for Democrats.

If you are interested, please complete the volunteer form **HERE**.

- Visit the MDP **website** for voting info.
- To register to vote, find drop box location and early vote locations go to **iwillvote.com**
- Sign up to be an election judge or poll worker HERE.
- Volunteer to help with voter protection during early voting & on election day! Sign up **HERE**.

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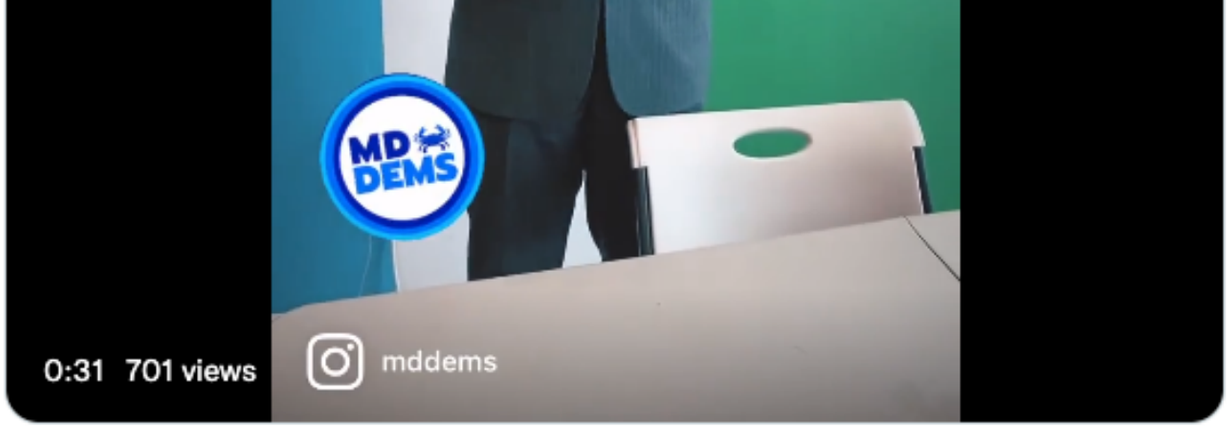
Find our Newsletters on our Website!

See the "NEWS" tab at the top of the page for weekly updates from the campaign

News to Share

- The Washington Post **endorsed** Wes Moore as a "compelling choice for governor in Maryland."
- SCOTUS began their term with **newly** sworn Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson.
- MAGA Republican nominee for Attorney General Michael Peroutka **showcased** his racist and sexist beliefs on WAMU last week.
- Ballots **began** to be mailed out this week!

Social Media



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The Maryland Democratic Party released the following statement on MAGA, QAnon candidate Dan Cox appealing the Court's ruling on mail-in ballots:

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DO YOU HAVE A PLAN TO VOTE??

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Thank you to Senators @CherylKagan & @shellyhettleman for joining our press conference today. “We call on Dan to accept the results when Marylanders are finished voting in 40 days.”

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It's Knocktober! That means that we're knocking doors EVERY DAY until Election Day on Nov. 8 🚪🎃🤩🍂🍁🗳️ Sign up here to join us to SAVE DEMOCRACY👇
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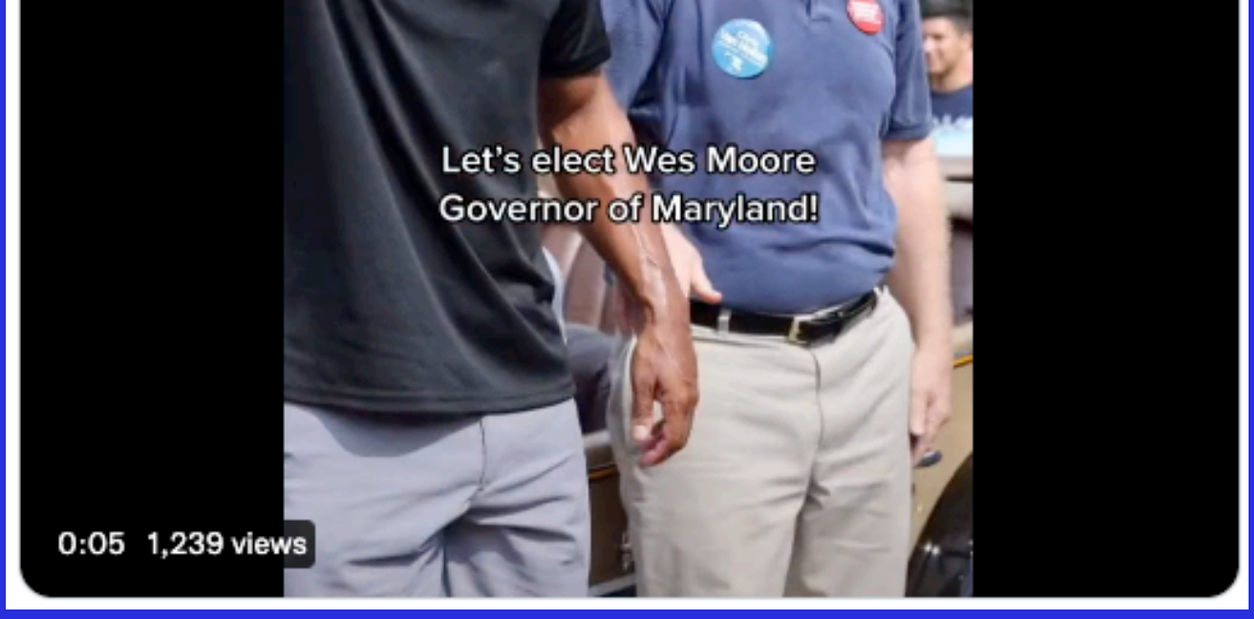
.@DemGovs Let's elect @iamwesmoore Governor of Maryland!



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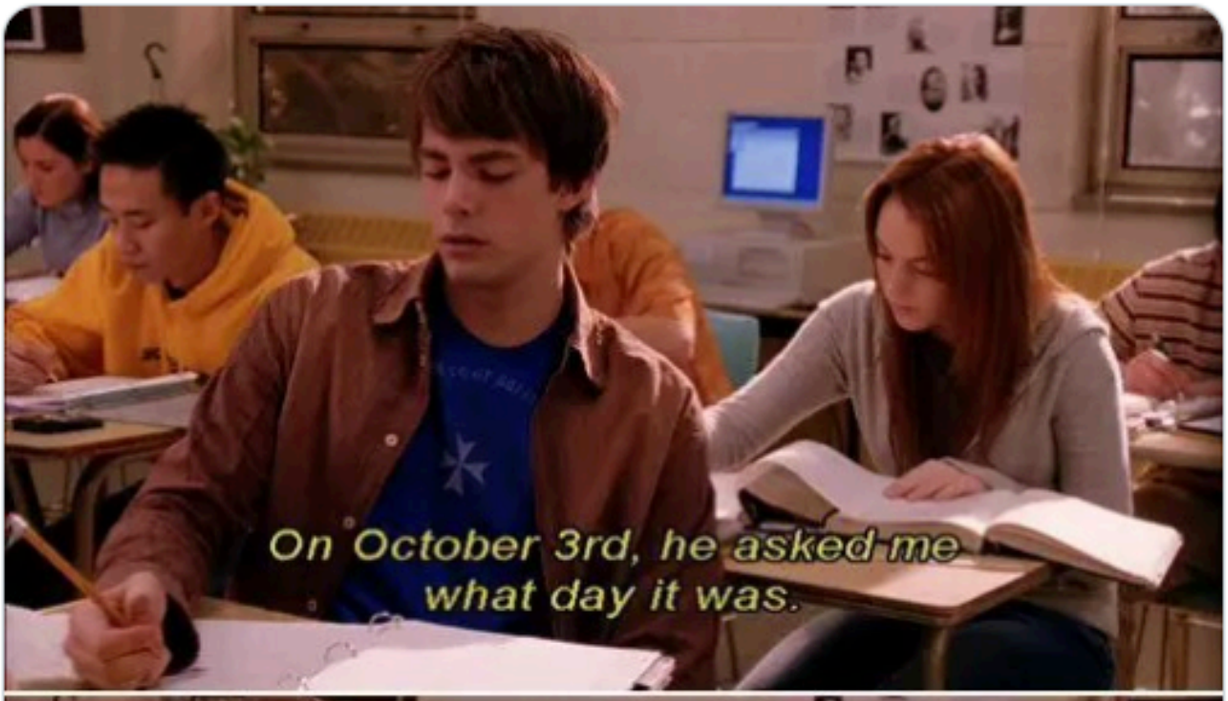

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