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# 2024 UNITED STATES SENATE CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE





## FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friend and Digital Equity Partner:

Every election season, the words of the late Congressman John Lewis come to mind: “The vote is precious. It is almost sacred. It’s the most powerful non-violent tool we have in a Democratic society and we have to use it.” Before his passing in 2020, Congressman Lewis, an iconic voice for civil and human rights, called the access to the Internet, “the civil rights issue of the 21st Century.” This is indeed the case.

Digital equity is critical to the economic and educational advancement of Baltimoreans and Marylanders — full stop. It is especially important for civic engagement, as candidates seek, or hope to maintain, elected positions. Barring the importance of in-person forums, what better way to alternatively engage with the public on issues than online mediums? However, for many, access to these alternative mediums is limited or completely inaccessible due to the digital divide - which largely impacts families of lower income. A variety of studies show that Internet access leads to increased civic engagement and grassroots advocacy. Therefore, with this questionnaire, we can show where leaders stand on this vital issue.

High-speed Internet and access to devices create a digital highway to new resources, tools, employment opportunities, and education. Combined, not only does the individual flourish but so does the future outlook of our communities. The Baltimore Digital Equity Coalition (BDEC) invited U.S. Senate candidates to answer questions on issues related to closing the digital divide. In the pages following, you will have the opportunity to learn where the candidates stand on federal funding for digital equity efforts, their vision for closing the digital divide, and more. If a candidate opted not to respond, it is noted on his or her questionnaire.

BDEC, as a coalition, does not support or oppose any candidate for public office but feels it is necessary that voters have as much information as possible, especially on a topic of high importance to our organization and members of the community.

In Service,

*Cody L. Dorsey*

Executive Director  
Baltimore Digital Equity Coalition



## **THE POSITION:**

### **United States Senator from Maryland**

**The candidate elected would serve as one of Maryland's two members of the United States Senate. The Senate has 100 members and members introduce and vote on legislation, approve federal spending, confirming federal judges and presidential nominees, all while providing oversight of federal government operations. Senators are elected statewide for a six-year term. There are no term limits.**



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# CANDIDATE RESPONSES





# ANGELA ALSOOBROOKS

**Party: Democrat**

**Age: 53**

**County of Residence: Prince George's**

**Family Status: Mother of a daughter in college**

**Education: Duke University, Bachelors in Public Policy;  
University of Maryland Law School, Juris Doctorate**

**Current Occupation: Prince George's County Executive**

**Previous Political or Tech Experience:  
Prince George's County State's Attorney (2010-2018),  
Prince George's County Executive (2018-Present)**



# ANGELA ALSOBROOKS

## DEMOCRAT | PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

### **1. If you were a member of the United States Senate, what would you do to support the Affordable Connectivity Program Extension Act?**

Fighting to make sure that everyone has a first chance to succeed has been at the heart of my career in public service, from working to make sure we had safe neighborhoods as State's Attorney to ensuring that everyone can have access to quality schools, affordable healthcare and economic opportunity as County Executive. Programs like the Affordable Connectivity Program Extension Act are directly in line with how I view my role in the US Senate - to fight to make sure that everyone, everywhere has the tools they need to be successful. Ensuring that all households can access the internet is absolutely critical to participating in our society, and I would proudly work to champion this legislation and other bills like it.

### **2. What is your vision of digital equity? How would you support a National Digital Equity Day to promote Digital Inclusion on Capitol Hill?**

Equity is at the heart of my outlook on public service. As County Executive, I fought to bring the FBI Headquarters to Prince George's County because communities like mine have long suffered from a lack of Federal investments when compared to neighboring jurisdictions. This same perspective informs how I view digital equity, the importance of which cannot be understated. It is so difficult to operate successfully in our society without access to reliable internet service. I am heartbroken by the stories of children who have to go to the local McDonalds to find enough internet access to do their schoolwork, or small businesses that struggle to get off the ground because they cannot reach their customers online. During the COVID-19 pandemic, we provided thousands of laptops and hotspots to students and families so that our children could continue their learning and were not left behind. It was evident that so many of our young scholars lacked access and opportunity and it was a barrier we had to address. In the Senate, I will be one of the leading voices promoting digital equity and inclusion so that communities in Baltimore and around our state have the resources they need to thrive in a modern world.

### **3. How do various demographics fit into your vision of digital equity, including people with disabilities, students, those living in public housing, and the incarcerated?**

Digital equity extends to all. There is no person who is unworthy of a first chance, and I have spent my career fighting to make sure that everyone has the tools they need to be successful. My work as County Executive has not been limited to one demographic group, and my work promoting digital equity as a US Senator would extend to every Marylander because we all deserve to have an equal opportunity to thrive.



# ANGELA ALSOBROOKS

## DEMOCRAT | PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

### **4. How will you support increased federal funding for digital equity efforts?**

The Senate has too few individuals who have the lived experience that I have, as someone who deeply understands the cares and concerns of those I represent. I understand the importance of digital equity because I am reminded every day through my work as County Executive. Simply by being present in the Senate, I would bring a completely different perspective to the issue. I would support initiatives like the Digital Equity Act and would work to expand on the investments that the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law has made to promote access to underrepresented communities. Maryland has been a leader in this work at the State level through the acceptance of Maryland's Digital Equity plan, and I would work to make sure these types of programs are expanded to ensure that the digital equity issues in Baltimore and throughout our state are at the heart of my service.

I know the importance of these types of investments because of my work at the County level. We established an internal team led by the OIT Chief Technology Officer to pursue broadband coverage expansion for the County. My administration held meetings with the major communications providers to ascertain their coverage gaps and plans forward for building out low coverage areas, while continuing to identify grant opportunities available for fiber connectivity that could help provide the necessary infrastructure in our underserved populations. This sort of work can be amplified and expanded with robust Federal funding.

### **5. Digital equity is an intersectional issue and is intertwined with public engagement. If elected to the U.S. Senate, how will your public engagement initiatives with Marylanders take digital equity into consideration?**

Ensuring that we are communicating with residents through a variety of mediums is of paramount importance, because we know not everyone is online or has reliable access to the internet to be able to receive information about how their member of Congress or Senator can help serve their constituents and solve problems for their communities.

While serving as County Executive, the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the disparity of digital access, in my community and communities across the state. While most jurisdictions communicated exclusively via digital platforms, we took extra measures to make sure we could reach people who lacked access. We created and printed informational fliers that explained safety precautions and pertinent lifesaving information and distributed them to seniors through meals that were packed and delivered by our Department of Public Works. We also hosted telephone town halls where we had as many as 60,000 people dial in to hear important information. We also distributed thousands of laptops and hotspots to students and families so that our children could continue their learning and were not left behind.



# MOE BARAKAT

REPUBLICAN | MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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**DID NOT RESPOND**

# CHRIS CHAFFEE

REPUBLICAN | CALVERT COUNTY

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**DID NOT RESPOND**

# MICHAEL COBB

DEMOCRAT | BALTIMORE COUNTY

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**DID NOT RESPOND**

# MARCELLUS CREWS

DEMOCRAT | PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

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**DID NOT RESPOND**

# ROBIN FICKER

REPUBLICAN | MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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**DID NOT RESPOND**



# LORIE FRIEND

**Party: Republican**

**Age: 56**

**County of Residence: Garrett**

**Family Status: Three adult children**

**Education: Nursing Degree/Certified Registered Nurse**

**Current Occupation: Pre-Opt/Post-Opt Nurse at Garrett Regional Hospital**

**Previous Political or Tech Experience:**

**I ran in 2022 for the US Senate seat for Maryland and placed second in a field of ten candidates in the Republican Primary. While I have no formal tech training, I have used the internet and social media extensively both on a personal level and for my campaigns.**



# LORIE FRIEND

REPUBLICAN | GARRETT COUNTY

**1. If you were a member of the United States Senate, what would you do to support the Affordable Connectivity Program Extension Act?**

I would support legislation that facilitates Affordable Connectivity for Marylanders.

**2. What is your vision of digital equity? How would you support a National Digital Equity Day to promote Digital Inclusion on Capitol Hill?**

My vision of digital equity is essentially making access to the internet available and affordable to all Marylanders as soon as possible.

As to creating a National Digital Equity Day, perhaps the current trend of so many special interests having a formal national celebration day is getting a bit crowded. I don't have strong reasons to oppose such a day, however, I don't see it as a high priority.

**3. How do various demographics fit into your vision of digital equity, including people with disabilities, students, those living in public housing, and the incarcerated?**

While I support internet access for all Marylanders, specific demographics such as the disabled, students, residents of public housing, the unemployed, ... are particularly in need of public support to insure they have internet access and thereby access to the resources of the web. The incarcerated should have access to the internet for specific issues, such as legal resources, education, medical issues, news, job searches, ... however, their access would need to be managed in such a way that prisoners could not take advantage and use the web for criminal or predatory purposes.

**4. How will you support increased federal funding for digital equity efforts?**

I would vote in favor of legislation that increased federal funding as needed to make the internet available and affordable to all Marylanders.

**5. Digital equity is an intersectional issue and is intertwined with public engagement. If elected to the U.S. Senate, how will your public engagement initiatives with Marylanders take digital equity into consideration?**

I am aware that the issue of internet access is a problem for some rural areas of Maryland as well as certain urban areas. I certainly welcome input from the people of Maryland, and organizations such as yours, as to the specific areas that internet access and am open minded to specific proposed solutions. This is an issue where both political parties should put their differences aside and work together to resolve the problem.

# BRIAN FRYDENBORG

DEMOCRAT | MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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**DID NOT RESPOND**



# SCOTTIE GRIFFIN

DEMOCRAT | MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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**DID NOT RESPOND**

# LARRY HOGAN

REPUBLICAN | ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

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**DID NOT RESPOND**



# ROBERT HOUTON

**Party: Democrat**

**Age: 52**

**County of Residence: Montgomery**

**Family Status: Father**

**Education: University of Massachusetts at Amherst;  
University of Maryland Global Campus**

**Current Occupation:  
Founder, Coalition for Families, Teens, and Students**

**Previous Political or Tech Experience:  
Formerly worked for U.S. Senator Edward M. "Ted" Kennedy  
(D-MA) and Transition Team of President-elect Barack  
Obama (D) - Vice President-elect Joe Biden (D)**



# ROBERT HOUTON

## DEMOCRAT | MONTGOMERY COUNTY

### **1. If you were a member of the United States Senate, what would you do to support the Affordable Connectivity Program Extension Act?**

I would support the Affordable Connectivity Program Extension Act through several actions. First, I would start a Caucus specifically for this legislation. Second, I would welcome a Republican Member of the U.S. Senate to Co-Chair this “Caucus to enact the ACPEA.” Third, we would circulate a “Dear Colleague” Letter for signatories from ALL U.S. Senators and Representatives and have this sent to the Chair and Ranking Members of the Committees of jurisdiction over this bill.

### **2. What is your vision of digital equity? How would you support a National Digital Equity Day to promote Digital Inclusion on Capitol Hill?**

I have been working for digital equity for two years prior to running for the U.S. Senate. First, I contacted the executives of Verizon, Apple, and many others to support efforts to expand/support broadband equitable access for underserved communities to allow these communities the ability to locate and secure vaccinations for their health. This Nonprofit I Founded and led was TEAM Vaccinate. Johns Hopkins Health System and Pfizer supported my leadership and work.

### **3. How do various demographics fit into your vision of digital equity, including people with disabilities, students, those living in public housing, and the Incarcerated?**

I worked with the CDC to explore and accelerate mobile app capabilities and broadband access through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117-58) to support underserved communities.

### **4. How will you support increased federal funding for digital equity efforts?**

Work with Senator Chris Van Hollen on the Appropriations Committee; and all of the Maryland Congressional Delegation, united in working with all Congressional Appropriators and leadership.

### **5. Digital equity is an intersectional issue and is intertwined with public engagement. If elected to the U.S. Senate, how will your public engagement initiatives with Marylanders take digital equity into consideration?**

We will not limit our engagement and leadership for digital equity to consideration, rather, we will lean into the digital equity needs of underserved communities by keeping this issue front and center, with a priority monthly stakeholder roundtable to continuously achieve deliverables and issue new goals for digital equity nationwide.

# JOHN MYRICK

REPUBLICAN | PRINCE'S GEORGE'S COUNTY

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**DID NOT RESPOND**

# EMMANUEL OSUCHUKWU

UNAFFILIATED | BALTIMORE COUNTY

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**DID NOT RESPOND**

# JOSEPH PEREZ

DEMOCRAT | PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

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**DID NOT RESPOND**



# MIKE SCOTT

**Party: Libertarian**

**Age: 52**

**County of Residence: Prince George's**

**Family Status: Awful personal question**

**Education: Masters Public Administration, Bachelors  
Mathematics**

**Current Occupation: Aspiring Author and Senator**

**Previous Political or Tech Experience:  
That is a long convo spanning 35 years and  
several states and countries**





# MIKE SCOTT

## LIBERTARIAN | PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

### **1. If you were a member of the United States Senate, what would you do to support the Affordable Connectivity Program Extension Act?**

That should be a state or local program. I'd stop stealing that tax money at the federal level and push it to states. My answer to most of those questions is "I would apply pressure to the state and try to find local and state agencies to help." When tax money goes to the federal gov't, they take a cut to pay for their unending wars and 3 million employees, then the state gets some back, takes a cut to pay for their employees, then the programs get a cut.

### **2. What is your vision of digital equity? How would you support a National Digital Equity Day to promote Digital Inclusion on Capitol Hill?**

Equity is one of my priorities. I can't promise equality of outcome, but we can work towards equality of opportunity. Access to the internet and digital services is part of that. I just don't believe the Federal Gov't is the place to make it happen.

### **3. How do various demographics fit into your vision of digital equity, including people with disabilities, students, those living in public housing, and the incarcerated?**

This question could have 50 pages in answers. There is NO reason the entire country can't be digitally accessible. And, that is the goal and vision--everyone should have access to the ability to look for jobs, keep up on news, and get training online. The Federal gov't just isn't the place to fund it.

### **4. How will you support increased federal funding for digital equity efforts?**

I don't know that there's anything I'd increase federal funding for. In 2022, the federal gov't took in \$4.9T in tax revenue and spent \$6.3 TRILLION. The federal gov't needs controls placed on it to stop growth, perpetual war, and an out of control welfare state. It is ineffective and inefficient in every way. Nothing like this should be handled in the Senate. Look at 4mycity2 (a food bank in BMore). For under \$500K per year, they give away as much produce as Maryland Food Bank, and their ENTIRE BUDGET is half of the top 4 execs in MD Food Bank. That's one example, there are others. I think the Federal Gov't should be shrunk and get out of the business of mucking about in citizen's daily lives.

### **5. Digital equity is an intersectional issue and is intertwined with public engagement. If elected to the U.S. Senate, how will your public engagement initiatives with Marylanders take digital equity into consideration?**

My priorities are Healthcare Education, Economy, Environment, and Equity. Education, Economy, and Equity have obvious digital components. Healthcare and Environment also have digital components but may be less obvious.

# STEVEN HENRY SEUFERER

DEMOCRAT | MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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**DID NOT RESPOND**

# LABAN SEYOUM

REPUBLICAN | PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

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**COULD NOT  
BE REACHED**



# DAVID TRONE

**Party: Democrat**

**Age: 68**

**County of Residence: Montgomery**

**Family Status: Married, 4 children, one grandchild**

**Education: Furman University, Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania**

**Current Occupation: U.S Representative, Maryland 6**

**Previous Political or Tech Experience:  
U.S. Representative since 2019**



# DAVID TRONE

DEMOCRAT | MONTGOMERY COUNTY

## **1. If you were a member of the United States Senate, what would you do to support the Affordable Connectivity Program Extension Act?**

Since the start of the program in 2021, over 200,000 Marylanders have had cheaper high-speed internet. I am a proud cosponsor of the Affordable Connectivity Program Extension Act and it's clear we cannot let this successful tool expire. A recent study showed that 65% of ACP participants fear that losing internet access would result in losing their job or their household's primary source of income; 75% fear losing access to health care; and 81% of parents worry their children would fall behind in school. More broadly, the ACP has been good for the economy – for every dollar spent on the ACP, the nation's GDP increases by \$3.89. I will do everything I can to extend this critical program.

Once the program is extended, we need to better partner with local stakeholders to ensure that those who qualify are taking full advantage. ACP has been underutilized in Baltimore, with only 33% of eligible households enrolled. In today's digital world, reliable internet connectivity is essential for participating in education, accessing job opportunities, receiving healthcare services, and engaging with our communities. We cannot let the cost of internet service exacerbate disparities and limit low-income households and underserved communities from thriving in the digital age.

## **2. What is your vision of digital equity? How would you support a National Digital Equity Day to promote Digital Inclusion on Capitol Hill?**

Everyone should have equal access to affordable and reliable internet, regardless of their income, race, geographic location, or background. Achieving digital equity requires significant investment in broadband infrastructure and addressing the affordability gap. We cannot ignore the root causes of internet access disparities, including poverty, digital literacy skills, and historical systemic barriers

I would absolutely support a National Digital Equity Day to promote digital inclusion and help educate members of Congress and staff on the digital divide and what can be done to close the gap.



# DAVID TRONE

## DEMOCRAT | MONTGOMERY COUNTY

### **3. How do various demographics fit into your vision of digital equity, including people with disabilities, students, those living in public housing, and the incarcerated?**

We cannot leave anyone behind when it comes to digital equity and connectivity. We need to make it easier for people with disabilities to fully participate in the digital world by ensuring that they have the right accommodations such as adaptive equipment, screen readers, captioning, assistive technology and training programs. We should require schools and businesses to apply the same types of accommodations to the digital world as they do in the physical world. And the U.S. government must set a high standard in advancing the accessibility of its digital content.

The world is rapidly changing – from new technology to extensive amounts of information at our fingertips – meaning the skills our youth need for the future are different than they were a decade ago and we cannot leave disadvantaged students behind. Students need access to affordable high speed internet in their schools, libraries, and homes. And I am committed to making sure our students are safe online, protecting their privacy and holding tech companies accountable when they engage in predatory practices aimed at our youth.

Education is the most effective means of reducing recidivism. Incarcerated individuals who participate in educational programs are 48 percent less likely to recidivate and the odds of recidivism decrease the higher the level of education he or she achieves. For example, a college degree can reduce the returning rate to less than 8 percent. With many colleges' remote learning programs moving entirely online, lack of internet access poses a significant barrier to participating in educational programs. Additionally, internet access enables job training opportunities and allows individuals to maintain connections with their families, all of which will better prepare them for successful reentry into society. I supported the Martha Wright-Reed Just and Reasonable Communications Act, which makes sure that incarcerated individuals are charged reasonable rates for phone and video calls.

### **4. How will you support increased federal funding for digital equity efforts?**

I voted for and am a strong supporter of the Digital Equity Grant program that has provided \$2.75 billion to underserved communities across the country and in Maryland. I will continue to push for additional funding for digital literacy programs, technology training initiatives, and community-based partnerships to ensure individuals have the skills and knowledge needed to navigate the digital world effectively.

### **5. Digital equity is an intersectional issue and is intertwined with public engagement. If elected to the U.S. Senate, how will your public engagement initiatives with Marylanders take digital equity into consideration?**

I recognize that digital equity is an intersectional issue that deeply affects the lives of Marylanders and will continue to engage with a variety of platforms to reach diverse audiences, including those who may face barriers to internet access. I have engaged constituents in town halls, online surveys, and interactive forums to hear from Marylanders on the issues that matter to them. Additionally, I will fight to uphold net neutrality principles, promote competition in the broadband market, and ensure that internet access remains a public utility accessible to all.

# NANCY WALLACE

SEEKING GREEN PARTY NOMINATION TO APPEAR IN THE GENERAL ELECTION ONLY  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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**DID NOT RESPOND**



# **ANDREW JAYE WILDMAN**

**DEMOCRAT | CARROLL COUNTY**

**Party: Democrat; An Independent turned Democrat last July to run for office.**

**Age: 75 Big Ones**

**County of Residence: Carroll**

**Family Status: Tranquil**

**Education: Computer Programming School that led to 30+ year career in the IT industry in DC.**

**Current Occupation:  
Retired; personal projects; political writing.**

**Previous Political or Tech Experience:  
A few amateur campaign exercises that taught me a lot. Life-long observer of domestic and foreign policy. As I said above, 30+ year career in the IT industry in DC.**





# ANDREW JAYE WILDMAN

DEMOCRAT | CARROLL COUNTY

## **1. If you were a member of the United States Senate, what would you do to support the Affordable Connectivity Program Extension Act?**

I spent a career in IT. Every American that needs such connectivity should be able to get it at home and at reasonable pricing.

## **2. What is your vision of digital equity? How would you support a National Digital Equity Day to promote Digital Inclusion on Capitol Hill?**

Same as number One.

## **3. How do various demographics fit into your vision of digital equity, including people with disabilities, students, those living in public housing, and the Incarcerated?**

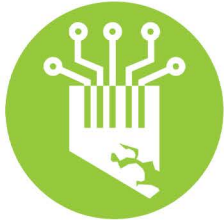
Seriously, folks. It is like my Mother told me one day when I was young. She said, "Andy, you treat everyone the same". That is what I do. That is how I believe our policies should also work.

## **4. How will you support increased federal funding for digital equity efforts?**

I will support reasonable funding for digital equity efforts. Costs must be watched. It is very easy to go through good taxpayer dollars and it wind up not being worth it. AI is new, real, here to stay, and can also generate smoke and mirrors in the beginning of a boom!

## **5. Digital equity is an intersectional issue and is intertwined with public engagement. If elected to the U.S. Senate, how will your public engagement initiatives with Marylanders take digital equity into consideration?**

I am not yet well versed in this area. Time will tell. I am very positive on these issues.



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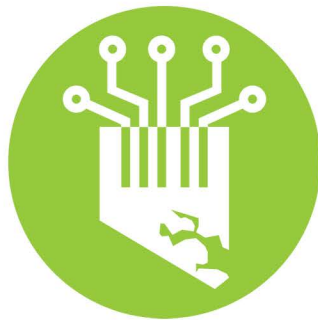
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