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## **Progressive Md. Educ. Fund Releases 2010 Legislative Scorecard**

***General Assembly performs slightly better for working families in 2010 versus 2009***

***PMEF names best and worst lawmakers on working-family issues in the 2010 General Assembly Session & 4-Yr Average***

**Silver Spring, MD.** The Progressive Maryland Education Fund (PMEF) released today its annual legislative scorecard rating numerically the performance of individual General Assembly legislators on issues of importance to Maryland's working families during the 2010 legislative session.

The scorecard tracks votes (and avoidance thereof) as well as effort on nine key bills affecting working families considered by the General Assembly. The scorecard, its methodology, and an explanation of the votes it scores are available at [www.Pmef.org](http://www.Pmef.org).

Bearing in mind that 100 is the best possible score a legislator can earn and 0 the worst, here are some of the notable patterns that emerged from this year's scorecard:

Overall average score: 71  
Senate average score: 67  
House of Delegates average score: 72

Democratic average score: 88  
Republican average score: 27

Senate Democratic average: 82  
House Democratic average: 89

Senate Republican average: 31  
House Republican average: 25

“The General Assembly as a whole scored on average slightly higher this year (71) than last year (67), an increase driven by improvement among Republicans, who raised their average score from 16 last year to 27 this year,” explained PMEF’s Acting Executive Director, Rion Dennis, who compiled this year’s scorecard.

PMEF designated as "**2010 Heroes of Working Families**" the lawmakers with a score of 95 or higher. “A score of 90 or higher means you are a true friend of working families,” explained Dennis. “But if you score 95 or higher, you are a hero – an exceptionally effective legislator who fights hard and skillfully each day for regular voters and against the special interests.”

### The 2010 Heroes of Working Families in the Senate

Title	Name	District	Jurisdiction	Party	2010 Score
Senator	<a href="#">Paul G. Pinsky</a>	22	Prince George's County	D	98
Senator	<a href="#">Michael G. Lenett</a>	19	Montgomery County	D	97
Senator	<a href="#">David C. Harrington</a>	47	Prince George's County	D	96
Senator	<a href="#">Verna L. Jones</a>	44	Baltimore City	D	96
Senator	<a href="#">Nancy J. King</a>	39	Montgomery County	D	96
Senator	<a href="#">Jamin B. (Jamie) Raskin</a>	20	Montgomery County	D	95

### The 2010 Heroes of Working Families in the House of Delegates

Title	Name	District	Jurisdiction	Party	2010 Score
Delegate	<a href="#">Tom Hucker</a>	20	Montgomery County	D	97
Delegate	<a href="#">Roger Manno</a>	19	Montgomery County	D	97
Delegate	<a href="#">Aisha N. Braveboy</a>	25	Prince George's County	D	96
Delegate	<a href="#">Cheryl D. Glenn</a>	45	Baltimore City	D	96
Delegate	<a href="#">Saqib Ali</a>	39	Montgomery County	D	95
Delegate	<a href="#">Charles E. Barkley</a>	39	Montgomery County	D	95
Delegate	<a href="#">Joanne C. Benson</a>	24	Prince George's County	D	95
Delegate	<a href="#">Jon S. Cardin</a>	11	Baltimore County	D	95
Delegate	<a href="#">C. William (Bill) Frick</a>	16	Montgomery County	D	95
Delegate	<a href="#">Sheila E. Hixson</a>	20	Montgomery County	D	95
Delegate	<a href="#">Adrienne A. Jones</a>	10	Baltimore County	D	95
Delegate	<a href="#">Heather R. Mizeur</a>	20	Montgomery County	D	95
Delegate	<a href="#">Karen S. Montgomery</a>	14	Montgomery County	D	95
Delegate	<a href="#">Doyle L. Niemann</a>	47	Prince George's County	D	95
Delegate	<a href="#">Kirill Reznik</a>	39	Montgomery County	D	95
Delegate	<a href="#">Justin D. Ross</a>	22	Prince George's County	D	95
Delegate	<a href="#">Todd L. Schuler</a>	8	Baltimore County	D	95

Each year, PMEF singles out the five lawmakers in each chamber with the lowest scores as “**The Champions of Special Interests**” – i.e., the lawmakers who most

consistently opposed an opportunity agenda for working families. Due to a high number of tie scores this year, PMEF is forced to give this dubious distinction to eight Senators and ten Delegates.

### 2010 Senate Champions of Special Interests

Title	Name	District	Jurisdiction	Party	2010 Score
Senator	<a href="#">Andrew P. Harris</a>	7	Baltimore County & Harford County	R	23
Senator	<a href="#">Richard F. Colburn</a>	37	Caroline, Dorchester, Talbot & Wicomico Counties	R	25
Senator	<a href="#">Larry E. Haines</a>	5	Baltimore County & Carroll County	R	25
Senator	<a href="#">Nancy Jacobs</a>	34	Cecil & Harford Counties	R	25
Senator	<a href="#">Donald F. Munson</a>	2	Washington County	R	25
Senator	<a href="#">Edward Reilly</a>	33	Anne Arundel County	R	25
Senator	<a href="#">Allan H. Kittleman</a>	9	Carroll & Howard Counties	R	27
Senator	<a href="#">David R. Brinkley</a>	4	Carroll & Frederick Counties	R	29
Senator	<a href="#">J. Lowell Stoltzfus</a>	38	Somerset, Wicomico & Worcester Counties	R	31
Senator	<a href="#">Alex X. Mooney</a>	3	Frederick & Washington Counties	R	36

### 2010 House of Delegates Champions of Special Interests

Title	Name	District	Jurisdiction	Party	2010 Score
Delegate	<a href="#">Susan L. M. Aumann</a>	42	Baltimore County	R	19
Delegate	<a href="#">Gail H. Bates</a>	9A	Howard County	R	19
Delegate	<a href="#">Don Dwyer, Jr.</a>	31	Anne Arundel County	R	19
Delegate	<a href="#">Adelaide C. Eckardt</a>	37B	Caroline, Dorchester, Talbot, & Wicomico Counties	R	19
Delegate	<a href="#">Donald B. Elliott</a>	4B	Carroll & Frederick Counties	R	19
Delegate	<a href="#">William J. Frank</a>	42	Baltimore County	R	19
Delegate	<a href="#">Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio</a>	37B	Caroline, Dorchester, Talbot, & Wicomico Counties	R	19
Delegate	<a href="#">Charles Jenkins</a>	3B	Frederick & Washington Counties	R	19
Delegate	<a href="#">A. Wade Kach</a>	5B	Baltimore County	R	19
Delegate	<a href="#">Susan W. Krebs</a>	9B	Carroll County	R	19
Delegate	<a href="#">Susan K. McComas</a>	35B	Harford County	R	19
Delegate	<a href="#">Tony McConkey</a>	33A	Anne Arundel County	R	19
Delegate	<a href="#">Warren E. Miller</a>	9A	Howard County	R	19
Delegate	<a href="#">Wayne Norman</a>	35A	Harford County	R	19
Delegate	<a href="#">Anthony J. O'Donnell</a>	29C	Calvert & St. Mary's Counties	R	19
Delegate	<a href="#">Steven R. Schuh</a>	31	Anne Arundel County	R	19
Delegate	<a href="#">Andrew A. Serafini</a>	2A	Washington County	R	19
Delegate	<a href="#">Tanya Thornton Shewell</a>	5A	Carroll County	R	19
Delegate	<a href="#">Richard A. Sossi</a>	36	Caroline, Cecil, Kent & Queen Anne's Counties	R	19
Delegate	<a href="#">Nancy R. Stocksdale</a>	5A	Carroll County	R	19
Delegate	<a href="#">Paul S. Stull</a>	4A	Frederick County	R	19
Delegate	<a href="#">Mary Roe Walkup</a>	36	Caroline, Cecil, Kent & Queen Anne's Counties	R	19

“This scorecard is the best tool available to enable Maryland’s working families to tell which General Assembly legislators side with them and which side with special interests,” said Dennis. “Our door canvassers will distribute this scorecard to tens of thousands of Marylanders statewide; our organizers will distribute it to audiences at every community meeting they attend; we will feature it prominently on our website and those of our allies; and Progressive Maryland will e-blast it repeatedly to its listserv of 25,000 subscribers.”

With the 2010 General Assembly Session ending the 4-Year Election cycle, PMEF’s scorecard this year includes the 4-yr Average score for each legislator, so you can see whose interests each lawmaker consistently protected over the course of their term and not just how they voted in an election year. Below you’ll find the highest scoring legislators over the past 4 years in the Senate and the House of Delegates.

#### 4-Year Average Heroes of Working Families in the Senate

Title	Name	District	Jurisdiction	Party	4-Year Aver.
Senator	<a href="#">Paul G. Pinsky</a>	22	Prince George's County	D	97
Senator	<a href="#">Jamin B. (Jamie) Raskin</a>	20	Montgomery County	D	96
Senator	<a href="#">Michael G. Lenett</a>	19	Montgomery County	D	95
Senator	<a href="#">David C. Harrington</a>	47	Prince George's County	D	95
Senator	<a href="#">Verna L. Jones</a>	44	Baltimore City	D	95
Senator	<a href="#">Richard S. Madaleno, Jr.</a>	18	Montgomery County	D	95
Senator	<a href="#">James C. Rosapepe</a>	21	Prince George's & Anne Arundel Counties	D	95

#### 4-Year Average Heroes of Working Families in the House of Delegates

Title	Name	District	Jurisdiction	Party	4-Year Aver.
Delegate	<a href="#">Tom Hucker</a>	20	Montgomery County	D	98
Delegate	<a href="#">Roger Manno</a>	19	Montgomery County	D	97
Delegate	<a href="#">Sheila E. Hixson</a>	20	Montgomery County	D	97
Delegate	<a href="#">Cheryl D. Glenn</a>	45	Baltimore City	D	96
Delegate	<a href="#">Adrienne A. Jones</a>	10	Baltimore County	D	96
Delegate	<a href="#">Elizabeth Bobo</a>	12B	Howard County	D	96
Delegate	<a href="#">Susan C. Lee</a>	16	Montgomery County	D	96
Delegate	<a href="#">Heather R. Mizeur</a>	20	Montgomery County	D	95
Delegate	<a href="#">Karen S. Montgomery</a>	14	Montgomery County	D	95
Delegate	<a href="#">Doyle L. Niemann</a>	47	Prince George's County	D	95
Delegate	<a href="#">Justin D. Ross</a>	22	Prince George's County	D	95
Delegate	<a href="#">Maggie McIntosh</a>	43	Baltimore City	D	95
Delegate	<a href="#">Victor R. Ramirez</a>	47	Prince George's County	D	95
Delegate	<a href="#">Anne R. Kaiser</a>	14	Montgomery County	D	95
Delegate	<a href="#">Herman L. Taylor, Jr.</a>	14	Montgomery County	D	95

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