



Working to end sexual violence in Maryland

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2026 Legislative Priorities & Bills of Interest **Final Report**

The Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MCASA) is a non-profit membership organization that includes all of the State's seventeen rape crisis centers, law enforcement, mental health and health care providers, attorneys, educators, survivors of sexual violence and other concerned individuals. MCASA includes the Sexual Assault Legal Institute (SALI), a statewide legal services provider for survivors of sexual assault. MCASA represents the unified voice and combined energy of all of its members working to eliminate sexual violence in the State of Maryland.

The Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MCASA) supports legislation that promotes justice for survivors of sexual violence, accountability for offenders, and protection for the general public. MCASA responds to policy questions and legislative initiatives throughout Maryland's legislative session (January-April). This is the Final Report for the 2026 Legislative Session.

This year, the General Assembly continued to address the twin challenges of a substantial state budget deficit and the unpredictable and harmful changes happening at the federal level. MCASA was in Annapolis to ensure that the voices of survivors were heard as legislators made difficult choices. This year this work was needed more than ever.

Statements about women lying and that the accused are the "real victims" resurfaced more frequently and with greater authority than any time in the past twenty years. The tenor of too many statements about survivors reflected the political tone in DC and raise real concerns that we may be going backwards. Fortunately, we have some amazing advocates and allies, and a community of grassroots supporters who continue to fight for survivors. Here's a report on what we all accomplished together:

Funding. Chief among MCASA's responsibilities is to ensure that sexual assault survivors and the programs that help them have critical resources. **We are so very grateful to the General Assembly for continuing support for rape survivors and the people and programs who help them.** Programs have seen an increase in demand. Federal threats to

funding are destabilizing. Workforce changes have drastically increased the cost of services. The Governor's Budget included statutorily mandated victim services and rape crisis funding, as well as continued support for rape kit testing. The General Assembly continued the vital legislative allocation for both rape crisis centers and for domestic violence programs, preventing cuts to services.

We are especially grateful to **Chair Ben Barnes**, House Appropriations, and **Chair Guy Guzzone**, Senate Budget & Tax, for their leadership and genuine commitment to helping survivors. Subcommittee chairs **Senator Shelly Hettleman** and **Delegate Gabriel Acevero** showed leadership in their new roles and were attentive to the needs of survivors of child sexual abuse, trafficking, and rape. **Vice Chair Anne Kaiser** also joined the Appropriations Committee this session and, together with **Senator Hettleman**, brought attention and oversight to Maryland's slow efforts to address the rape kit backlog. Thank you to all of the legislators who helped support survivors and the funding that they need.

Justice. As always, many of the bills addressing justice for survivors were heard by the House Judiciary and Senate Judicial Proceedings Committees. New **Chair Sandy Bartlett** helped shepherd bills important to survivors through the always challenging Judiciary Committee. **Delegate Elizabeth Embry** brought her legal expertise and well as compassion for survivors to this work. The voices of families, foster children, and survivors were supported by the leadership of **Delegate Karen Simpson**. Across the street, in the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee, **Senator Sara Love** led many of the efforts on behalf of survivors, and spoke clearly and effectively against suggestions that the accused are victims. **Senator Bill Folden** continued to be an ally, and while we do not always agree, it is important to acknowledge his consistent and effective advocacy for victims and survivors of sexual violence.

Supporting Survivors After Sexual Assault. **Senator Dawn Gile** was an effective and passionate leader on behalf of survivors, successfully sponsoring bills addressing sexual exploitation of children in schools and by persons in authority. **Chair Heather Bagnall** and **Chair Sandy Bartlett** sponsored with these efforts in the House. **Delegate Kris Fair**, **Delegate Emily Shetty**, and **Senator Nancy King** continue to be strong allies for sexual assault survivors. **Chair Pam Beidle** is retiring after this session and will be truly missed: she supported women, children, and families throughout her career with a matter-of-fact determination that has helped improve Maryland's law and communities.

Coalition is part of MCASA's name and central to our identity. MCASA is grateful to everyone who worked to improve public policy for sexual assault survivors. **Joyce King**, Deputy State's Attorney for the Frederick County, and **Debbie Feinstein**, Chief of the Special Victims Division for the Montgomery County State's Attorney Office, led the Maryland State's Attorneys' Association (MSAA) SVU committee to help improve criminal justice for survivors. **Kirsten Brown** and **Caron Watkins** provided excellent advocacy for the MSAA and were a pleasure to work with. The Maryland Hospital Association and **Jane Krienke** continue to help efforts to expand access to rape kits. The Maryland Association of Nonprofit Organizations and **Henry Bogdan** helped strengthen non-profit law and worked to fend off threats at the federal level. We extend appreciation to **Laure Ruth** at

our sister coalition, the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence; **Catherine Kelly** from the Maryland State Police; and the Attorney General's Office under the leadership of **Anthony Brown** and with the help of **Rhea Harris** - they all helped amplify survivor voices. MCASA could not make progress for survivors of sexual violence without the help of these amazing colleagues. Thank you.

MCASA also participates in other coalitions, joining forces to expand all of our reach and advocate for common concerns. Chief among these are the **Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women (MLAW)**, the **Coalition to Protect Maryland's Children**, and the **Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force**. We are all stronger when we work together.

Finally, please know that all of your calls, emails, texts, testimony and advocacy make a difference. Laws to help survivors of sexual violence would not pass if you did not participate in the process and tell lawmakers that this issue matters to you. As you read through this year's report, please remember that your efforts helped make change.

Please reach out with questions, suggestions for next session, and to show support for survivors of sexual violence, info@mcasa.org. With concerns about federal funding looming, your support and donations have never been needed more.

Stay strong and thank you for your advocacy,

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2026 Bills

Funding

Rape Crisis Center Funding

Chief among MCASA's responsibilities is to ensure that sexual assault survivors and the programs that serve them have critical resources. We are mindful of the budget issues the State of Maryland faces, however, the impact of threats to federal funding, decreased state support for survivors with untested rape kits, continued inflation, and reduced private funding present significant fiscal challenges for sexual assault programs. Additional state funding cuts would be devastating. MCASA advocates for full funding for the services that help support survivors and hold offenders accountable.

This year's budget proposal from the Moore Administration includes flat funding for the Victim of Crime Act programs, and continues funding for the Rape Kit Testing Fund. The Governor's budget did not include the \$1 million grant for rape crisis centers administered by MCASA or the companion \$1 million for domestic violence programs, but the Legislature

added back this vital support. We are immensely grateful to the Maryland General Assembly for ensuring funding was not cut and again thank Chair Ben Barnes and Chair Guy Guzzone for their leadership.

Child Sexual Abuse

Grooming & Persons In Authority - [HB501/SB407](#) - PASSED

A bill to clarify the law prohibiting persons in authority from having sexual contact with children under their supervision, increase penalties when the victim is under 13, and ensure laws against sexual solicitation of a minor apply to persons in authority seeking to sexually fondle children. Lead Sponsors: Senator Dawn Gile and Chair Sandy Barlett.

Sexual Abuse and Sexual Misconduct Model Response Policy – Schools – [SB685/HB1168](#) - PASSED

This important bill requires the State Department of Education to develop a model sexual abuse and sexual misconduct response policy that then must be adopted by local school systems. It was enacted after a terrible case involving a teacher and 3rd grade girls where the parents and community were not provided with information, resources, or support. The policy will help guide schools, preserve evidence, and provide parents with resources including rape crisis centers and child advocacy centers. Lead Sponsors: Senator Dawn Gile and Chair Heather Bagnall.

Female Genital Mutilation – [SB907/HB1389](#) - PASSED

This bill provides needed clarification to Maryland’s law prohibiting female genital mutilation (FGM). This includes adding FGM to the definition of child abuse, which will create mandatory reporting obligations and permit child protective services to investigate. Transporting a minor out of state for purposes of FGM will be added to current criminal provisions, and a health care provider violating these provisions will be stripped of their license even if they plea *nolo contendere* or receive probation before judgment. Critically, this bill will also provide for civil remedies for the victims of this despicable procedure, and support for community education. Lead Sponsors: Senator Sara Love and Delegate Dana Jones.

School Resource Officers – Protecting Students from Sexual Exploitation – [SB81/HB329](#) - PASSED

This bill will close a loophole in Maryland’s sexual offense statute by prohibiting sexual conduct between a school resource officer (SRO) and any student at the school where the officer is assigned, recognizing the inherent power imbalance and duty of care owed to students. Lead Sponsors: Senator Bill Folden and Delegate Karen Simpson.

Child Pornography – Images of Younger Children – [SB221/HB670](#) - PASSED

This bill increases the penalties for possession of child pornography where the image depicts a child under, or indistinguishable from, a child under the age of 13. It also clarifies how to calculate the number of images in a video and increases penalties for possession of

large numbers of images (over 100 images). Lead Sponsors: Senator Mary-Dulaney James and Delegate Gabriel Moreno.

General Criminal Law and Procedure

Burglary and 3rd Degree Sexual Offense – [HB138/SB230](#) - PASSED

This increases penalties for sex offenders who have “sexual contact” (touching) with a victim during a burglary in the first, second, or third degree. This corrects an anomaly in the law where burglary is an aggravating factor in cases involving penetration, but not those involving sexual touching. Special thanks to **Senator Chris West**, who ends his long legislative career this session and has been a strong supporter of survivors. Lead Sponsors: Delegate Nicole Williams, Chair Sandy Bartlett and Senator Chris West.

Stalking - Increased Penalties for Serial Stalking or Stalking in Violation of a Protective Order – [SB512](#) - PASSED

Senate Bill 512 will increase the penalties for stalkers convicted of stalking or those who commit stalking while a protective order for the same victim is in place. Stalking of the victim by the offender is a frequent precursor of sexual assault. Special thanks to Montgomery County prosecutor **Debbie Feinstein**, who championed this needed improvement to the law; MCASA was honored to support her efforts. Lead Sponsor: Chair Will Smith.

Forfeiture by Wrong-Doing – 2nd degree Assault – [HB477/SB465](#) - PASSED

This permits the admission of out of court statements made by victims and witnesses in 2d degree assault trials if the statement is offered against a defendant who has engaged in, directed, or conspired to commit wrongdoing to prevent a victim or witness from testifying. Lead Sponsors: Delegate Elizabeth Embry and Senator Mary-Dulaney James.

Sexual Assault Survivors – Prohibiting Law Enforcement Verbal Requests to Waive Rights – [SB531/HB491](#) - PASSED

Current law prohibits law enforcement from requesting that sexual assault survivors waive certain rights in writing, and provides procedures for law enforcement to follow when survivors choose not to pursue criminal justice. This bill extends the law to include requests for verbal waivers of rights, including rights to rape kit testing. This bill was supported by the Sexual Assault Evidence Kit Policy and Funding Committee. Lead sponsors: Senator Shelly Hettleman and Delegate N. Scott Phillips.

Protection of Identity of Victims of Sexual Assault or Stalking – [SB294/HB450](#) - PASSED

This bill will require that courts redact and shield victims’ names and identifying information in court documents. This will help preserve victim and survivor privacy and safety. Important amendments will ensure that there is a process for health boards to contact survivors when a perpetrator is a licensed health care professional facing investigation for sexual misconduct. Lead Sponsors: Delegate Michele Guyton and Senator Sara Love.

Comprehensive Rehabilitative Prerelease Services- Female Incarcerated Individuals (The Monica Cooper Prerelease Act) – [SB187/HB035](#) - PASSED

This bill will require a prerelease facility for women incarcerated at the Department of Corrections, including provision of comprehensive rehabilitative services. The majority of women who are incarcerated are survivors of sexual assault. Lead Sponsors: Delegate Charlotte Crutchfield and Senator Mary Washington.

Sexual Abuse Prevention - Prohibiting Juveniles from Contact with Adult Inmates – SB296/HB389 - Folded into Juvenile Charging Reform and Enacted

This bill would ensure juveniles are separated from incarcerated adults by sight, sound, and location. Lead sponsors: Chair Sandy Bartlett and Senator Sara Love.

CSAM – Accurate Terminology for Child Sexual Abuse Materials – HB1294 - Did Not Pass. Approved in the House, No Vote in Judicial Proceedings Committee

This bill would replace the outdated term “child pornography” with the more accurate and widely used “child sexual abuse materials”. Lead Sponsor: Delegate C.T. Wilson.

Adult Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse – Reporting Form – HB1005 - Did Not Pass. Approved in the House, No Vote in Judicial Proceedings Committee

This bill mandates development of an appropriate mandatory reporting form to use when a survivor of child sexual abuse is now an adult. While the bill did not pass, MCASA urges the Department to develop and implement this form and help support adults survivors. Lead Sponsor: Delegate Cathi Forbes.

4th Degree Sexual Offense – Subsequent Offenses and Out of State Crimes – HB1467 - Did Not Pass. Approved in the House, No Vote in Judicial Proceedings Committee

Offenders who commit a sexual offense in the 4th degree are subject to a higher penalty if they have previously committed a sexual offense. This bill makes the subsequent offender penalties apply when the prior offense was committed in a jurisdiction outside of Maryland. Lead Sponsor: Delegate Lauren Arikan.

Self Defense by Victims Against Abusers – Work Group – HB1406 - No votes

This bill was a result of discussions regarding other legislation seeking to address the needs of survivors who have been convicted of a crime. While there are important and meaningful aspects of post-conviction relief, there are also currently deficiencies in evidence law for cases involving survivors who have been criminally charged with harming their abusers. Sponsor amendments would have turned this bill into a work group to study these issues. Lead Sponsor: Delegate Stephanie Smith.

Interception of Communications – SB661, HB132, HB802, HB688/SB680, SB180/HB213 - Did not pass

This series of bills addressed allowing an exception to the prohibition against making an audio recording of another person without their consent. There have been cases where rape survivors have recorded the crime and the recording was both inadmissible and the survivor was exposed to felony charges for violating the wiretap law. The current law is a

barrier to justice and deprives courts of crucial evidence. The various bills included exceptions for criminal cases involving a person, another addressing criminal and civil cases, a bill addressing fair housing, and another addressing the penalty for violating the “all-party consent” law. At the end of session, a Task Force was added to SB187, but was delayed by *sine die* amendments and failed to pass. Lead Sponsors: Delegate Robin Grammer, Senator Sara Love, Chair Sandy Bartlett, Senator Charles Sydnor, Senator Chris West, and Delegate Karen Simpson.

Rape Kits and Maryland’s Rape Kit Backlog

Rape Kits – Agency Oversight - ENACTED

The General Assembly imposed two additional requirements on the Executive Branch for the coming fiscal year to help prioritize Maryland’s rape kit backlog and victim notification.

First, the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy will be required to provide the victim notification program of the Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MCASA) with information contained in the sexual assault evidence kit reporting system to provide sexual assault survivors with notifications and support. This will include searchable documents with case numbers, tracking numbers, and the testing status of sexual assault evidence kits and will help continue Maryland’s (slow) progress on eliminating the rape kit backlog.

Second, law enforcement agencies will be required to certify compliance with the Maryland Sexual Assault Kit Initiative Victim Notification Protocol, including providing information to the Sexual Assault Evidence Kit Funding and Policy Committee of the Office of the Attorney General and to the Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault Sexual Assault Kit Victim Notification Project. This certification is a requirement for receipt of State Aid for Police Protection Funding.

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Civil Law, Family Law, and Protective Orders

Protective Orders: Timing of Hearings – [HB497/SB433](#) - PASSED

This bill will increase the time between a temporary protective order and the hearing on the final protective order, putting Maryland in line with the majority of states. Other provisions were amended out of the bill and would have clarified that relief available includes reimbursement for emergency financial costs associated with the abuse, such as repairing doors or replacing cell phones. We expect a bill regarding these issues will be back next session. This bill was a priority of our sister coalition, the Maryland Network

Against Domestic Violence and of Maryland Legal Aid, and MCASA was glad to support their leadership. Lead Sponsors: Senator Sara Love and Delegate Karen Simpson.

Temporary Cash Assistance - Good Cause and Adequate Reason Exceptions – [HB1490](#) - PASSED

Expanding the “good cause” exception allowing recipients of temporary cash assistance to decline to cooperate with the State’s efforts to collect child support from the other parent. This is important to many victims of intimate partner violence, as well as to parents of children conceived through rape. Lead Sponsor: Delegate Emily Shetty.

Stop Silencing Survivors – Litigation Abuse – SB295/HB465 - NO VOTE AFTER WORK GROUP IN JPR

Sexual assault continues to be one of the most under-reported and under-prosecuted crimes in America. In Maryland and across the country, abusers are using retaliatory lawsuits to silence those who speak out about sexual violence. Survivors are being subjected to expensive, retraumatizing, and drawn-out litigation and some are discouraged from ever speaking out. This bill would help balance access to justice by providing additional protection from litigation for survivors who disclose sexual assault in good faith, while preserving the right to sue for intentional or reckless disclosure of false information or malicious allegations of assault. Sadly, a practicing attorney sitting on JPR worked to prevent this important bill from moving forward, expressing greater concern about placing any additional requirement on those using the courts to silence people than on the many sexual assault survivors facing litigation abuse. Lead Sponsors: Senator Sara Love and Delegate Elizabeth Embry.

SLAPP Suits – SB251/HB650 - No votes

This bill would clarify and support the exercise of constitutional rights to petition and exercise free speech by amending the law regarding SLAPP Suits – Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation. Sexual assault survivors across the country are increasingly facing lawsuits brought to discourage exercising their rights in college sexual misconduct proceedings and related Title IX actions. This bill would have provided survivors with less protection than Stop Silencing Survivors, but it would have been a step forward and help in many types of litigation abuse. Special thanks to **Rebecca Snyder** and the MDDC Press Association, the lead advocates on this effort. Lead Sponsor: Senator Sara Love and Delegate Elizabeth Embry.

Workgroup on Aging Out of Foster Care – HB915 - Did Not Pass. Approved in the House, No Vote in Judicial Proceedings Committee

A workgroup addressing the needs of youth aging out of foster care; this includes youth who were sexual abused, or who were at greater risk of sexual exploitation or trafficking. Critically, this bill mandated inclusion of people who had been in foster care. Lead Sponsor: Delegate Terri Hill.

Guns & POs – SB20/HB83 - No votes

This bill, referred to as FLEPA, the Family and Law Enforcement Protection Act, attempted to improve the process for surrendering firearms during the protective order process.

Lead sponsors: Senator Shelly Hettleman and Chair Sandy Bartlett.

Child Victims Act Attorneys' Fees Increase – SB693 - No votes

In HB1378 (2025), effective June 1, 2025, limits were placed on attorneys' fees in cases filed under the Child Victim Act, the law that permits survivors of child sexual abuse to sue those responsible for their abuse. Senate Bill 693 sought to remove those caps all together. MCASA does not oppose caps on fees in these cases and notes many attorneys are making a great deal of money in return for their services even with the caps. However, some survivors will be deprived of access to the courts whether there are caps or not. There will always be cases that the private bar declines. In some cases, this will be because of business decisions, and in others because the case cannot be successfully litigated. Many cases involve witnesses whose memories have faded or are deceased, non-existent records, and little evidence. Others involve survivors who do not want to go to court or who do not have the ability to participate well in litigation. **ALL survivors need support and MCASA advocated for amendments to impose a surcharge on fees to help survivors without civil tort remedies.** Lead Sponsor: Chair Will Smith.

Human Trafficking

Massage Therapy – Advertising - [HB0975](#) - PASSED

This bill will add regulations on the advertising of massage therapy services, preventing human traffickers and other bad actors from concealing their identity or advertising illegal sexual services. Special thanks to **Amanda Rodriguez**, CEO of TurnAround, a leader of Maryland's anti-human trafficking efforts and MCASA member. Lead Sponsors: Chair Pam Beidle and Delegate Pam Guzzone.

Human Trafficking Regional Navigators – HB1348 - Did Not Pass. Approved in the House, No Vote in Judicial Proceedings Committee

Maryland's Regional Navigators operate using a survivor-centered, culturally responsive, and trauma-informed model for youth under age 24 who are suspected or actively being trafficked. These specialized professionals prioritize safety planning, voluntary engagement, and trust-building. HB 1348 would help normalize collaboration between mandated reporters and specialized trafficking service providers, ensuring that children receive support that is tailored to the unique dynamics of both sex and labor trafficking. Lead Sponsor: Delegate Elizabeth Embry.

Sexual Abuse & Assault Awareness and Prevention Program, Human and Sex Trafficking – HB355 - Passed House, No Vote in EEE Committee

This bill would add education about "human and sex trafficking" to the currently mandated curricula on awareness and prevention of sexual abuse and assault. MCASA remains concerned that this bill limits trafficking education to students between 6th and 8th grade.

Lead Sponsor: Delegate Steve Johnson.

Other Bills

Social Media Platforms - Display of User Location – OPPOSED – SB932 - Did NOT Pass

SB932 would have required all social media users to publicly reveal their location. Minors would be exempt from this requirement, inadvertently making it easy to determine who is a minor. This bill would have jeopardized the safety of children and of survivors of abuse. Amendments on the Senate floor attempted to address some of these concerns but did not resolve the concerns and unintended consequences of this legislation. Lead Sponsor: Senator Kevin Harris.

Lobbyist Reporting During Session – HB1360 – OPPOSED – Did NOT Pass

Regulated lobbyists currently file reports with the Ethics Commission twice a year in November and May. This includes information about which bills were worked on, as well as some more general information about what topics are advocated for. HB1360 would have imposed additional reporting requirements during session. Information regarding each matter and position on a bill or legislative action would also be reported. While MCASA believes this bill was well-meaning, it would compromise the ability of MCASA and other public interest non-profit organizations to participate in the public policy process by imposing onerous red tape and paperwork. There are other straightforward solutions to increasing transparency that can address concerns without impairing the ability of public interest advocates to participate in the legislative process. Lead Sponsor: Delegate Mary Lehman.

Court Commissioners and Safety for Victims of Abuse – HB336 - Did NOT Pass

House Bill 336 would have eliminated the ability of a Court Commissioner to issue an arrest warrant for an application for statement of charges filed directly by a victim of crime. Instead, only law enforcement or state's attorneys would be allowed to seek an arrest warrant (versus a summons) from a Commissioner. MCASA fully supports reform of the current law, however, we advocated for Senator Sara Love's amendments to permit warrants be issued when a victim was in immediate danger, and opposed the Judicial Proceedings Committee's decision to gut guardrails adopted in the House to limit how long prosecutors would have to review cases when a Court Commissioner believed that a defendant posed a danger to another person or to the community. **MCASA remains supportive of reform and are concerned that the General Assembly consider carefully:**

- 1) Ensuring emergency access to warrants for crime victims in immediate danger;**
- 2) Avoiding solutions that require a survivor to rely only on law enforcement without providing an alternative means of access to the criminal justice system.**

There is no question that reforms of the commissioner system are needed, however, Maryland should not endanger survivors as it seeks to fix the Commissioner system: that would be substituting one problem for another. Lead Sponsor: Delegate Jackie Addison.

Child Abuse and Neglect - Training Requirements for Registered Child Care Providers – HB1034 - Passed House, No Vote in EEE Committee

A bill to require annual training about child abuse detection and reporting for registered child care providers. This bill received strong amendments in the House Ways & Means Committee, but ran out of time in the Senate. We are hopeful that the bill is reintroduced next session. (For no-cost training on child sexual abuse detection and reporting, visit <https://mcasa.org/prevention/preventing-child-sexual-abuse>). Lead Sponsor: Delegate Sean A. Stinnett.

Maryland Reproductive Justice and Pregnancy Outcome Protection Act – HB1131 - No votes

This bill would prevent the criminalization of people for pregnancy outcomes, including miscarriage, stillbirth, or self-managed abortion. Almost 3 million women in the US have experienced rape related pregnancy. Abortion care is vital for survivors. This bill is expected to return next session after some drafting concerns are addressed. Lead Sponsor: Delegate Lesley Lopez.

Increased Access to Prep and n-PeP – HB1114 - No votes, however a similar bill, HB1150 passed the House this session but was not voted in the Finance Committee.

This bill increases access to HIV prevention treatment known Prep (pre-exposure) or nPEP (non-occupational post exposure prophylaxis) by permitting distribution by pharmacists and by increasing insurance coverage for this treatment. Lead Sponsors: Delegate Ashanti Martinez (HB1114) and Delegate Ken Kerr (HB1150).

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