# 2024 MARYLAND PRIMARY ELECTION

## MARYLAND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 8 CANDIDATE SURVEY

### Early voting: May 2-9 | Primary Election Day: May 14

**ABOUT THIS GUIDE:** The Maryland Catholic Conference sent candidates a survey covering policy issues of interest to Catholics. Their responses (agree/disagree and statements) are below. Before you vote, please review the responses and reflect upon the document Faithful Citizenship ([mdcatholic.org/parish-elections](mdcatholic.org/parish-elections)) as you form your conscience and prayerfully discern your vote.

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| PARTY | CANDIDATES: MD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 8 | 1. Poverty | 2. Abortion | 3. Immigration | 4. Education | 5. Environment | 6. Family | 7. Conscience Rights |
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| D | Eric Felber | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| D | Jamie Raskin | | | | | | | |
| R | Cheryl Riley * | ✓ | ✓ | X | ✓ | ✓ | X | ✓ |
| R | Michael Yadeta * | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

**KEY** D = Democrat  R = Republican
\* = provided additional comments | ✓ = agree  **X** = disagree   blank = no response

We encourage you to read the additional comments provided by candidates
to more fully explain their positions.

1. **Poverty**. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and other similar initiatives provide funding for millions of poor Americans who cannot afford to adequately feed themselves or their families. Congress should oppose restrictions on SNAP that prevent the most vulnerable from receiving these benefits.

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| REPUBLICATION CANDIDATES | | |
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| Cheryl | Riley | All initiatives that help feed, provide for poor Americans should be regulated to ensure that those who truly are in need receive the aid. Too many are receiving when they aren't in need, leaving many who truly are in need without. We must stop abuse of the systems that are in place to lend a hand up, to feed homeless, families in crisis, loss of jobs, not as a lifelong payment for those who don't truly need it. |

2. **Abortion**. Congress should enact legislation permanently banning the use of taxpayer funding for abortion and banning abortion in federal healthcare facilities or from being performed by federal employees.

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| REPUBLICATION CANDIDATES | | |
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| Cheryl | Riley | Abortion should not be funded via taxpayers federally. |

3. **Immigration**. Congress should pass legislation to reform immigration policy to protect children and young people, such as the Protect Vulnerable Immigrant Youth Act, to provide humanitarian protection to abused, neglected or abandoned youth.

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| REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES | | |
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| Cheryl | Riley | We have an unvetted Illegal entry via open border CRISIS. I believe in helping ANY CHILD in harm's way, so this question is such a typical propaganda ploy the left uses. I believe US CITIZENS MUST COME FIRST, including ensuring children, veterans, all citizens are a priority. The Biden administration allowing the border invasion is a top priority to repair. It is vital to close our borders, and then discuss legal immigration solutions. Kids being brought in via trafficking should be protected. |

4. **Education**. Congress should enact legislation, such as the Educational Choice for Children Act, which empowers parents in every state with expanded educational options through federal tax credit incentives that will fund scholarships for K-12 students, including those attending Catholic schools.

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5. **Environment**. Congress should pass legislation to encourage the responsible stewardship of the environment and its natural resources by protecting and promoting our national parks and wildlife preserves.

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| REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES | | |
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| Cheryl | Riley | This however should NOT include "Climate Change" regulations the current administration and radical left are placing on companies to "comply" with an issue that is not vital, but is costing citizens more financial burden via higher electric bills for example as they are mandated to abide by non-proven, false data based narratives. I am a huge proponent of protecting our environment and resources |

6. **Family.** Congress should enact legislation to support families, mothers and children, such as increasing and extending the child tax credit to include unborn children, extending the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) and providing increased funding for childcare programs and foster programs.

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| REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES | | |
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| Cheryl | Riley | I agree to assisting families, single mothers and children with assistance as needed. I do not support it becoming a way of life for decades, or as an "incentive" to have children as a means to obtain full financial support. |

7. **Conscience Protections**. Congress should pass legislation to ensure religious freedom and rights of conscience for healthcare workers and other government employees.

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8. **Why should Catholics vote for me?**

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| Cheryl | Riley | I live in my faith daily. It sustains me, and I'm so grateful. I am witnessing the evil who are trying to destroy society as they are in positions of power, making laws. I will never back down to evil policies, and will help end the damage the radicals have done to our country, States and counties on every level. I am a proud Christian, a proud Marylander and will be proud to work FOR the people and restore civility, common sense and unity, ending the tyranny we have faced by the corrupt establishment. |
| Michael | Yadeta | I want Maryland Catholics in Maryland to vote for me. I will be a voice for you. |