



**Senator Ariana Kelly, D-16**

Senator Ariana Kelly (District 16) is a champion for reproductive healthcare in the Maryland General Assembly. Her innovative policies have made Maryland a leader in protecting abortion rights and access, and have been replicated by pro-choice states across the country. In 2023, Senator Kelly led the Maryland General Assembly in development and successful passage of the state's response to the Dobbs decision, a four-bill Reproductive Health Protection Package, which included a constitutional amendment protecting reproductive freedom, legal protections for providers and patients, reproductive health data privacy legislation, and expanded reproductive healthcare resources on college campuses. Senator Kelly has received numerous awards for her work in reproductive health care including Planned Parenthood of Metro Washington's 2023 Champion of Reproductive Health Award, NARAL Pro-Choice Maryland's 2015 and 2016 Choice Advocate Award, and Healthy Teen Network's 2017 Spirit of Service Award.

Senator Kelly has represented Bethesda, Potomac, Chevy Chase and North Bethesda in the Maryland General Assembly since 2011. She serves on the Judicial Proceedings Committee and Joint Committee on Children, Youth, and Families as well as Maryland's Medicaid Advisory Committee, the Maryland Commission on Public Health, the Sexual Assault Evidence Kit Advisory Committee, and Maryland's Healthcare Workforce Commission.

In addition to her work on reproductive rights, Senator Kelly is recognized as a national leader on women's and family economic security issues. She has passed legislation on women's health, aging, family leave, childcare, and sexual harassment. A lifelong professional feminist, prior to her elected service, Senator Kelly served as a National Campaign Director at MomsRising, the

Executive Director at NARAL Pro-Choice Maryland, and as the Executive Producer of the PBS women's news program, To The Contrary. Senator Kelly and her husband, Stephen, share four children and a very energetic dog named Shirley.



**Erin Bradley**

Erin Bradley, serves as Vice President of Public Affairs at Planned Parenthood of Maryland and Executive Director of Planned Parenthood Advocates of D.C., Maryland and Virginia. Erin has over 15 years of experience in the areas of strategic communication, public policy, lobbying and public affairs. Throughout her career, she has held multiple roles in local government and has worked in the public health space at both governmental and private sector organizations. Erin holds a Master of Public Administration degree focused on state and local government and policy implementation. As a lifelong Maryland resident, Erin is passionate about advocating for Marylanders' Reproductive Rights and improving access to healthcare.

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**Tammy Bresnahan**

Tammy Bresnahan is the Director of Advocacy for AARP Maryland. Tammy has over 25 years' experience in Maryland state government specifically in health and social services programs. From 2003-2011 she was the Executive Director of Government Affairs for the Maryland Department of Human Resources. As Executive Director she advised the Department's cabinet secretary on all legislative and regulatory initiatives for Maryland's Human Services programs.

In 2011 she joined the staff of AARP MD and has represented AARP Maryland before the Maryland General Assembly, state, federal and local governments advocating for programs and services for Marylanders 50+. She has an extensive background in Caregiving, long term care, retirement security, Social Security and Medicare.

Tammy has been recognized by Governors O'Malley and Ehrlich with Governor's Citations for leadership while in state service. She has also been recognized by the Maryland State Bar – Family and Juvenile Law Section as the 2010 Unsung Hero for Children. In March 2017 she was recognized as one of Maryland's Top 100 Women and was also recognized by AARP and was presented the Lyn Bodiford Award for Excellence in Advocacy for Exceptional Service to the 50+ by AARP.

In addition to her full time work at AARP, Tammy also has a commitment to her community. She was appointed by Governor Hogan to the Maryland Commission for Women in 2015. She served four years and currently is in her seventh year on the Commission. She is on the

Advisory Council for Delmarva Public Media. Tammy also mentors women and girls on legislative advocacy and how to become an effective advocate.

Tammy has a Bachelor of Science Degree from Salisbury University in Political Science.



**Althea Green, PhD, Command Sergeant Major, US Army (Ret)**

Dr. Althea Green served for 35 years on active duty in the US Army, achieving the highest enlisted rank, then for ten years as a Department of Defense Civilian. She was selected for inclusion in Marquis Who's Who biographical volumes in 2023 based on her noteworthy accomplishments, visibility, and prominence in healthcare administration.

Backed by years of expertise in the military, Dr. Green worked as the director of recruitment for the U.S. Department of Defense's F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine from 2012 until her retirement from federal service in 2022. During her military career, she served as a combat medic, leader, trainer, educator, and mentor, and rose through the ranks to become the senior enlisted adviser to the Army Surgeon General/ Commanding General of the Army Medical Command. Likewise, Dr. Green lent her considerable knowledge on the executive leadership team at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and Northeast Regional Medical Command, Washington, D.C.; the U.S. Army Medical Research and Material Command, Fort Detrick, MD; and Eisenhower Army Medical Center and Southeast Regional Medical Command, Fort Eisenhower (formerly Fort Gordon), GA.

Outside of her work, Dr. Green contributes to her community through a local women's veteran organization, and on the board of an educational society for healthcare professionals. Driven to remain abreast of changes in the field, she aligns herself with the Society for Human Resource Management, the National Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education, Women in Defense, AMSUS - The Society of Federal Health Professionals, the American College of Healthcare Executives, and the Association of the United States Army. She is also involved in research and academic writing. Her research interests are Diversity in Medical Education, Racism in Medicine, and Leadership in Healthcare Organizations. An expert in her field, Dr.

Green's work has been published in several peer reviewed textbooks and journals, and she has been a sought-after presenter at professional seminars and conferences.

Dr. Green holds a Bachelor of Science in business administration and management from the University of Maryland Global Campus. Subsequently, she completed the Army's sergeants major course for senior enlisted leaders through the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy and earned a Master of Science in business and organizational management from the University of La Verne, as well as a PhD in educational leadership from Keiser University. A point of great satisfaction was earning her bachelor's and master's degrees while being a full-time soldier and raising a family.

While her career has been filled with highlights, Dr. Green takes the most pride in maintaining responsibility for the Army's enlisted medics, through which she was able to restructure the enlisted medical force to create several new specialties and create promotion opportunities at the higher ranks. Another standout moment was helping Walter Reed Army Medical Center improve the system of care for wounded, ill, and injured service members during the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. Later, in her civilian career, she helped to design and became the inaugural director of the Department of Defense's premedical post-baccalaureate program for enlisted service members. This 24-month program of studies provides selected enlisted members with physician mentoring, post baccalaureate science coursework, and clinical exposure – requirements for successful medical school admission. During her tenure, over 90% of enlisted students completed the program and achieved admission to medical school.

In recognition of her outstanding body of work, Dr. Green won three Faculty Excellence Awards from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences' F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine. She was also awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, two Legions of Merit, and multiple additional awards from the U.S. Army. In 1998 she was inducted into the Order of Military Medical Merit for significant contributions to Army Medicine, and in 2012, was named a Distinguished Member of the Army Medical Department Regiment.