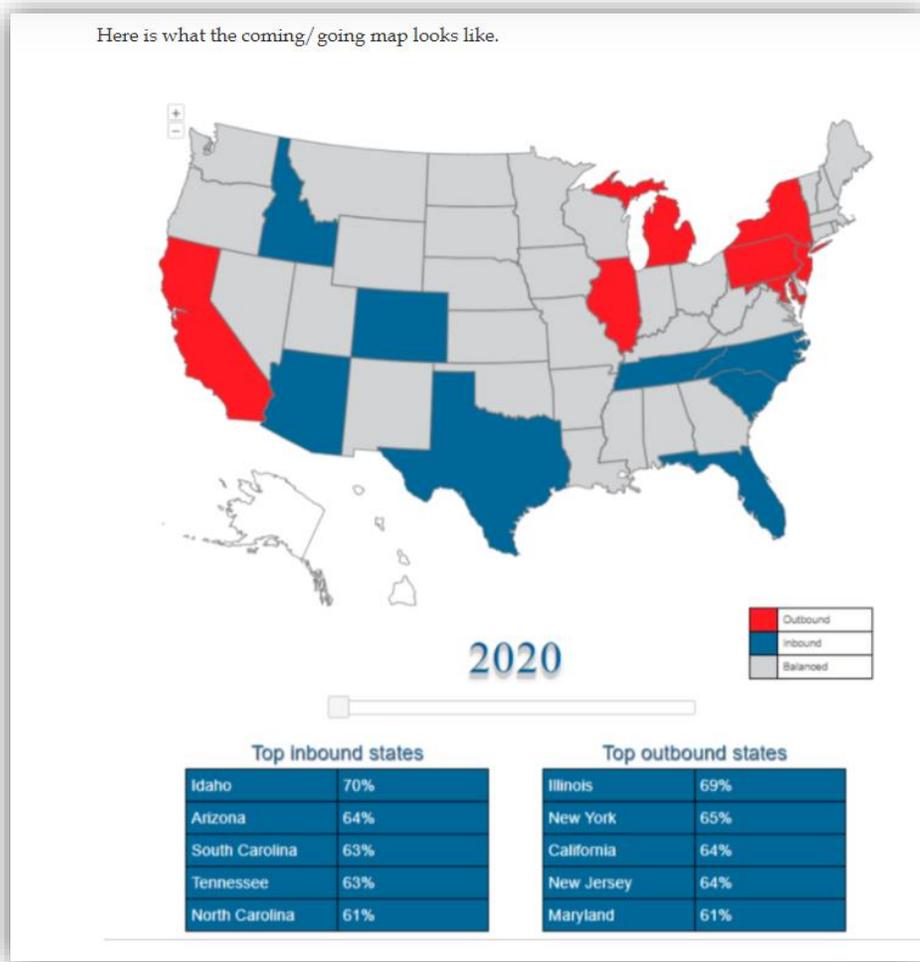


FAVORABLE Support HB17

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<https://www.aier.org/article/americans-are-fleeing-lockdowns-when-they-can-afford-it/>

Dear Committee,

I urge fast & favorable vote on Delegate Dan Cox's House Bill HB17 / Emergency Powers Limitations (Consent of the Governed Act) . Maryland's endless "emergency" is killing our children. It's killing our economy. What's not happening is deaths on the streets from this "pandemic". In fact, our hospitals are empty.

<https://twitter.com/DPotcner/status/1351531186015903744>

https://ugetube.com/watch/part8c-england-uk-we-039-ve-seen-this-movie-before-hospitals-empty-full-capacity-covid-19-coronaviru_ecG1DFjCqVPQnwk.html

There is no emergency in the plain meaning of the word, a legal standard this Committee must heed. The state's people & institutions are crumbling from this unnatural & wrongful abuse of the word "emergency". The Delegate has thoughtfully and in a balanced fashion outlined the way to control the type of Executive Branch overreach that we are experiencing in Maryland and across the nation during a contrived medical "pandemic".

At issue is the plain meaning of the word "emergency". This problem of the governor's overreach involving the words "emergency" & "crisis" are at a level of disbelief not heard since Bill Clinton had trouble with the word "is".

Thankfully, Delegate Cox is a lawyer, one versed in Constitutional law & is an aid to the branch of government charged with checking the governor's overreach. The largest & most important part of your job, legislators, is not introducing bill drafts. The most important is representing your constituencies from the perspective of your constitutionally-assigned roles. There is no other branch which is to take on the Executive branch officers on a real-time basis. To date, you have not done that.

I urge you to pass this bill & allow law, facts, Maryland's generations of tradition and plain COMMON SENSE to undo the terrible damage the governor has done to this state.

UNprecedented Destruction in Maryland

Businesses, churches & non-profits have closed in Maryland in less than one year at a rate higher than ever experienced in Maryland. Marylanders have experienced a record rate of unemployment higher than ever has been recorded in state history with an increase

of over 4200%. <https://twitter.com/FOX Baltimore/status/1260645842496524288>

State and Local Income Tax Withholding Collections: January-September
(\$ in Millions)

	2019	2020	\$ Change	% Change
Government	\$2,723	\$3,116	\$393	14.4%
From UI Benefits	5	220	215	4287.1%
Government Excluding UI	\$2,718	\$2,895	\$177	6.5%
Private Sector – Increasing Industries	\$6,846	\$7,144	\$298	4.4%
Finance and Insurance	937	1,014	76	8.2%
Retail Trade	466	495	29	6.3%
Professional/Business Services	2,051	2,138	87	4.2%
Manufacturing	464	481	16	3.5%
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,071	1,104	33	3.1%
Construction	533	540	7	1.3%
Other	1,856	1,912	56	3.0%
Private Sector – Decreasing Industries	\$1,216	\$1,148	-\$69	-5.6%
Accommodation and Food Service	221	183	-38	-17.4%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	79	68	-11	-13.6%
Personal/Repair Services and Nonprofits	245	239	-6	-2.4%
Other	672	658	-14	-2.0%
Private Sector – Total	\$8,062	\$8,292	\$230	2.8%
Total Withholding	\$10,785	\$11,407	\$622	5.8%
Total Excluding UI benefits	\$10,780	\$11,187	\$407	3.8%
Adjusted for Local Rate Increases*	\$10,780	\$11,094	\$314	2.9%

UI: Unemployment Insurance
* Seven counties increased their local income tax rate between 2019 and 2020: Anne Arundel, Baltimore County, Dorchester, Kent, St. Mary's, Washington and Worcester.
Source: Bureau of Revenue Estimates; Comptroller of Maryland

To date, we Marylanders are experiencing the most devastating societal, economic & spiritual attack EVER on the state of Maryland.

<https://www.aier.org/article/despairing-america-the-astonishing-psychological-cost-of-lockdown/>

<https://www.aier.org/article/death-by-lockdown/>

Overtly UNconstitutional Overreach in Maryland

Churches (& other religious institutions) have been forcibly closed in Maryland. Outside of a state of Martial Law, this action is completely unconstitutional. The state may not insert itself into religious matters except amid a narrow scope. This scope must be limited to facts, not conjecture.

This is not what happened under this governor. Churches were & continue to be threatened.

<https://theacru.org/2020/11/23/maryland-government-officials-threaten-churches-while-releasing-prisoners/>

<https://twitter.com/Berean16031989/status/1263696470638821376>

Overtly UNscientific

A propaganda war via social media and via state government agencies has strived to subvert positive & traditional cultural norms. Agents of the governor, as well as social media Russian bots have engaged in a non-stop promotion of fear, powerlessness & subservience to public health models. These “models” have proven to be – not just wrong but – completely & hysterically-motivated. The narratives which governors are using as an excuse for their unconstitutional, unscientific, destructive & overtly political actions are patently false & fake news.

<https://www.aier.org/article/the-decimal-point-that-blew-up-the-world/>

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/asymptomatic-transmission-of-covid-19-didnt-occur-at-all-study-of-10-million-finds>

Overtly Political

Less than 1 week after Joe Biden’s entry into the White House, states & localities formerly having tyrannical, oppressive lockdown policies now being reversed. It is clear that the annual flu was weaponized for cynical, harmful & political means.

After thousands have died in nursing homes, after New York City is an irredeemable shuttered city, as California nears a recall of their governor, now that the politics have changed, somehow this inescapable emergency is no longer an emergency.

That’s what Governors Newsom, Cuomo, Hogan have done as they make millions in book sales.

<https://twitter.com/DelegateStewart/status/1288913405760479235>

<https://twitter.com/disclosetv/status/1353701656865759233>

<https://twitter.com/disclosetv/status/1353697064329347072>

If that end has been achieved by politicians, it remains as an excellent reason for the legislature to take back the reigns of government from the Executive branches.

The damage by the governor to generations of Marylanders’ lives, liberties & businesses was being politically-driven. Hundreds (if not thousands) of unnecessary deaths by the governor’s nursing home quarantines are the result of jaundiced, hate-filled politics.

This must never happen again.

You need to support Delegate Cox’s bill.

You need to make certain this doesn’t happen again by passing this bill & ending this engineered “crisis”.

Lives of your fellow Marylanders have been impacted, destroyed, even ended. These are your neighbors, your neighborhoods, your fellow man.

To allow this to continue is pathological & evil. Support Dan Cox’s bill.

Humbly

~vince