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Background and Methodology

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Mr. Gonzales has polled and analyzed thousands of elections in Maryland and across the country over the past forty years. Further, he and his associates have conducted numerous market research projects, crafting message development plans and generating strategy blueprints for businesses and organizations throughout the state.

Over his decades of conducting public opinion polls, Patrick Gonzales has been widely recognized by his peers for his ability to conduct unbiased surveys, and analyze the results in an impartial, evenhanded manner.

Mr. Gonzales appears frequently on radio and television in the Baltimore-D.C. region as a guest commentator.

This poll was conducted by ***Gonzales Research & Media Services, Inc.*** from December 21st through January 6th, 2026. A total of 808 registered voters in Maryland, who indicated they are likely to vote in the 2026 general election, were queried by live telephone interviews, utilizing both landline and cell phone numbers. A cross-section of interviews was conducted throughout the state, reflecting general election voting patterns.

The margin of error (MOE), per accepted statistical standards, is a range of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points. If the entire population was surveyed, there is a 95% probability that the true numbers would fall within this range.

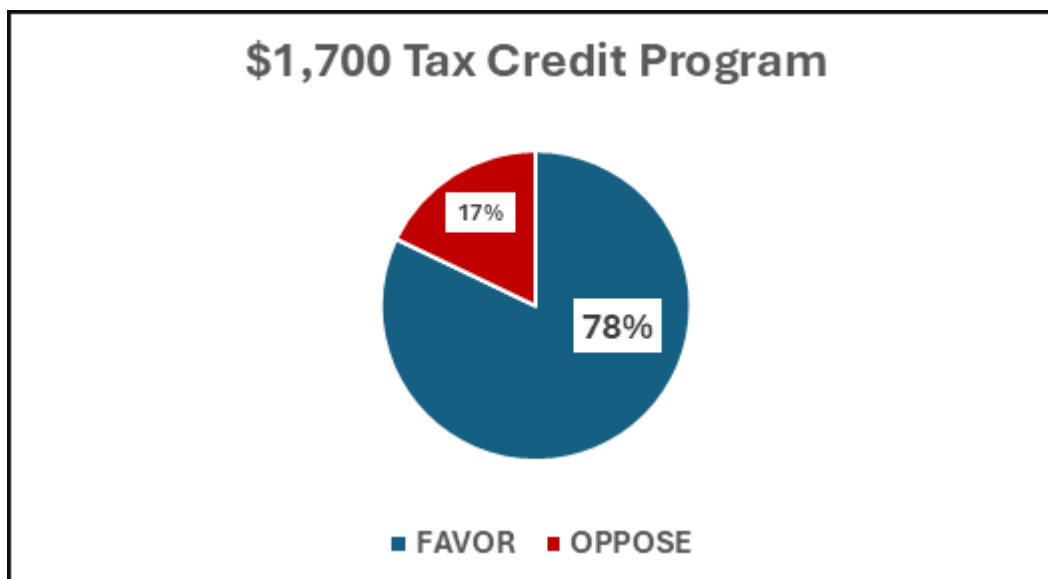
Gonzales Maryland Poll – January 2026 Results

\$1,700 Tax Credit Program

Support for the new federal tax credit program is not just solid - it is broadly shared. Statewide, 78% percent of Maryland voters say they favor the \$1,700 refund for contributions to scholarship organizations (42% “*strongly*” favor and 36% “*somewhat*” favor), 17% oppose the program (8% “*strongly*” oppose and 9% “*somewhat*” oppose), and 5% offer no opinion.

The appeal is straightforward: a policy that channels private donations into tutoring, tuition, transportation, technology, and special-education services for K–12 students resonates across the electorate as both practical and beneficial.

The results make clear a breadth of support across political identities. Democrats register the highest level of support at 80%, followed closely by Republicans at 76% and independent voters at 74%. This is one of the rare issues where partisan lines blur rather than harden, and shows a level of agreement rarely seen here in Maryland on an education or tax-related issue.



Maryland Opt-In

Before Maryland can participate in the new scholarship tax-credit program, the Governor must formally opt in - a decision we asked voters to weigh in on. Across Maryland, voters express solid support for having the state opt in to the new scholarship tax-credit program, with 69% in favor (28% “*strongly*” and 41% “*somewhat*”). Another 23% oppose the governor opting in (8% “*strongly*” and 15% “*somewhat*”), while 8% offer no response.

These statewide numbers indicate that, for many residents, allowing scholarship-granting organizations to operate under the federal framework is seen as a constructive step toward expanding educational support options.

Partisan differences do emerge, but the overall pattern still leans toward broad approval. Democrats register the highest level of support at 73%, while unaffiliated voters follow closely at 70%. Republican support is somewhat lower at 58%, with 34% expressing opposition, but even so, a firm majority of state Republicans favor opting in.

Age patterns add further nuance. Younger adults show the highest levels of support, with 76% of those aged 18 to 34 and 78% of those 35 to 49 in favor. Support declines somewhat among older Marylanders, though robust majorities still favor across all age brackets. This generational gradient may reflect differing levels of proximity to K–12 education—parents of school-aged children are more likely to see immediate benefits.

Costs Maryland Nothing – Impact on Support

We next presented voters with a series of statements about the federal tax-credit program and asked whether each one made them more likely to support it, less likely to support it, or whether it had had no effect.

The first we tested: “Scholarships are funded by private donations and do NOT affect state or federal education funding. In fact, it costs Maryland nothing to opt in.” Statewide, 77% of respondents say that this makes them more likely to support the federal tax-credit initiative (48% “*much*” more likely and 29% “*somewhat*” more likely), a mere 8% say it makes them less likely (4% “*much*” less likely and 4% “*somewhat*” less likely), while 16% percent report no effect. The statement that the program “costs Maryland nothing” proves to be a most persuasive message.

\$550 Million Additional Funding – Impact on Support

The next statement we tested concerning the federal tax-credit program: “According to an independent analysis, Maryland students stand to receive \$550 million in additional education funding from this program, at no expense to the state.”

Across the board, 74% indicate that an additional \$550 million in education funding strengthens their support for the program (45% “*much*” more likely and 29% “*somewhat*” more likely), 11% say it makes them less likely (6% “*much*” less likely and 5% “*somewhat*” less likely), and the remaining 15% say it does not affect their support. This outcome suggests that the scale of the projected benefit - combined with the reassurance that it does not draw from state resources - hits a sweet spot for Marylanders who want to see meaningful investment in education without added fiscal pressure.

Additional \$550 Million	<u>More Likely</u>	<u>Less Likely</u>
Statewide	74%	11%
Democrat	79%	8%
Republican	59%	21%
Independent	80%	9%
Women	78%	9%
Men	70%	13%
White	67%	15%
African American	92%	1%
Other	68%	17%

Available to Public School Students – Impact on Support

The final statement we tested: “Scholarships will be available to public school students, not limited only to private school students.”

The clarification that scholarships would be available to public school students, rather than limited to private school families, is the strongest of the three persuaders tested. Statewide, a prodigious 79% declare that scholarships being available to public school students intensifies their support for the program (53% “*much*” more likely and 26%

“*somewhat*” more likely), 10% say it makes them less likely (5% “*much*” less likely and 5% “*somewhat*” less likely), with 11% saying it has no effect.

By party, 85% of Democrats respond that this increases their likelihood of support (59% “*much*” more likely), compared to 67% of Republican voters, and 78% of unaffiliated voters.

Public School Students	<u>More Likely</u>	<u>Less Likely</u>
Statewide	79%	10%
Democrat	85%	6%
Republican	67%	18%
Independent	78%	12%
Women	82%	8%
Men	76%	13%
White	75%	14%
African American	94%	1%
Other	71%	14%

Maryland Participation

Marylanders lean clearly toward participation in the tax-credit program when presented with the competing arguments. Statewide, 62% say Maryland *should* participate so that Maryland dollars stay in the state and Maryland students can benefit, while 30% align with the argument that participation would take students and funding away from public schools, with 8% offering no opinion.

This split shows that the “keep Maryland dollars in Maryland” framing resonates more strongly than concerns about potential impacts on public school funding. Partisan patterns reveal meaningful differences but still show majority support across the board. Democrats are the most divided, with 55% saying Maryland should participate and 37% saying it should not. Republicans show stronger support at 67%, and independent voters are the most supportive at 74%. Black voters in the state show the highest level of support for participation, with 78% choosing that option and only 19% saying Maryland should not participate.

Appendix A: Data Tables

QUESTION: Tax Credit Program A new federal tax credit program gives contributors a \$1,700 refund on their tax return for donations to scholarship organizations, potentially generating hundreds of millions to help Maryland’s K-12 students with tutoring, tuition, transportation, technology, and special education services. Do you favor or oppose this program?

<u>\$1,700 REFUND</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Favor	626	77.5 %
Oppose	138	17.1 %
No answer	44	5.4 %
Total	808	100.0 %

N=808

<u>\$1,700 REFUND</u>		
<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No answer</u>

RESULTS

Statewide	626 77.5%	138 17.1%	44 5.4%
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<u>\$1,700 REFUND</u>		
<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No answer</u>

PARTY REGISTRATION

Democrat	352 79.6%	61 13.8%	29 6.6%
Republican	154 75.5%	45 22.1%	5 2.5%
Unaffiliated	120 74.1%	32 19.8%	10 6.2%

N=808

<u>\$1,700 REFUND</u>		
<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No answer</u>

GENDER

Female	333 76.7%	72 16.6%	29 6.7%
Male	293 78.3%	66 17.6%	15 4.0%

N=808

	\$1,700 REFUND		
	Favor	Oppose	No answer
<u>RACE/ETHNICITY</u>			
White	362 77.4%	84 17.9%	22 4.7%
African American	193 80.1%	33 13.7%	15 6.2%
Other/No answer	71 71.7%	21 21.2%	7 7.1%

N=808

	\$1,700 REFUND		
	Favor	Oppose	No answer
<u>AGE</u>			
18 to 34	131 82.4%	19 11.9%	9 5.7%
35 to 49	164 84.5%	17 8.8%	13 6.7%
50 to 64	155 71.1%	50 22.9%	13 6.0%
65 and older	176 74.3%	52 21.9%	9 3.8%

N=808

	\$1,700 REFUND		
	Favor	Oppose	No answer
<u>REGION</u>			
Rural Maryland	99 78.0%	21 16.5%	7 5.5%
Baltimore City	48 77.4%	9 14.5%	5 8.1%
Baltimore Suburbs	242 77.3%	56 17.9%	15 4.8%
Washington Suburbs	237 77.5%	52 17.0%	17 5.6%

INTENSITY - Is that strongly or somewhat favor/oppose?

\$1,700 REFUND - INTENSITY	Number	Percent
Strongly favor	338	41.8 %
Somewhat favor	288	35.6 %
Somewhat oppose	71	8.8 %
Strongly oppose	67	8.3 %
No answer	44	5.4 %
Total	808	100.0 %

N=808

\$1,700 REFUND - INTENSITY				
Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer

RESULTS

Statewide	338 41.8%	288 35.6%	71 8.8%	67 8.3%	44 5.4%
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\$1,700 REFUND - INTENSITY				
Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer

PARTY REGISTRATION

Democrat	211 47.7%	141 31.9%	36 8.1%	25 5.7%	29 6.6%
Republican	56 27.5%	98 48.0%	16 7.8%	29 14.2%	5 2.5%
Unaffiliated	71 43.8%	49 30.2%	19 11.7%	13 8.0%	10 6.2%

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\$1,700 REFUND - INTENSITY				
Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer

GENDER

Female	187 43.1%	146 33.6%	36 8.3%	36 8.3%	29 6.7%
Male	151 40.4%	142 38.0%	35 9.4%	31 8.3%	15 4.0%

N=808

	\$1,700 REFUND - INTENSITY				
	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer
<u>RACE/ETHNICITY</u>					
White	191 40.8%	171 36.5%	45 9.6%	39 8.3%	22 4.7%
African American	112 46.5%	81 33.6%	16 6.6%	17 7.1%	15 6.2%
Other/No answer	35 35.4%	36 36.4%	10 10.1%	11 11.1%	7 7.1%

N=808

	\$1,700 REFUND - INTENSITY				
	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer
<u>AGE</u>					
18 to 34	75 47.2%	56 35.2%	12 7.5%	7 4.4%	9 5.7%
35 to 49	97 50.0%	67 34.5%	10 5.2%	7 3.6%	13 6.7%
50 to 64	74 33.9%	81 37.2%	29 13.3%	21 9.6%	13 6.0%
65 and older	92 38.8%	84 35.4%	20 8.4%	32 13.5%	9 3.8%

N=808

	\$1,700 REFUND - INTENSITY				
	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer
<u>REGION</u>					
Rural Maryland	46 36.2%	53 41.7%	10 7.9%	11 8.7%	7 5.5%
Baltimore City	29 46.8%	19 30.6%	6 9.7%	3 4.8%	5 8.1%
Baltimore Suburbs	129 41.2%	113 36.1%	30 9.6%	26 8.3%	15 4.8%
Washington Suburbs	134 43.8%	103 33.7%	25 8.2%	27 8.8%	17 5.6%

QUESTION: Maryland Opt-In Each state’s Governor must opt in before scholarship-granting organizations in that state are allowed to participate. Do you favor or oppose Maryland opting in to this program?

<u>MARYLAND OPT-IN</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Favor	555	68.7 %
Oppose	184	22.8 %
No answer	69	8.5 %
Total	808	100.0 %

N=808

<u>MARYLAND OPT-IN</u>		
<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No answer</u>

RESULTS

Statewide	555 68.7%	184 22.8%	69 8.5%
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<u>MARYLAND OPT-IN</u>		
<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No answer</u>

PARTY REGISTRATION

Democrat	323 73.1%	79 17.9%	40 9.0%
Republican	118 57.8%	70 34.3%	16 7.8%
Unaffiliated	114 70.4%	35 21.6%	13 8.0%

N=808

<u>MARYLAND OPT-IN</u>		
<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No answer</u>

GENDER

Female	299 68.9%	96 22.1%	39 9.0%
Male	256 68.4%	88 23.5%	30 8.0%

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	MARYLAND OPT-IN		
	Favor	Oppose	No answer
<u>RACE/ETHNICITY</u>			
White	297 63.5%	122 26.1%	49 10.5%
African American	200 83.0%	30 12.4%	11 4.6%
Other/No answer	58 58.6%	32 32.3%	9 9.1%

N=808

	MARYLAND OPT-IN		
	Favor	Oppose	No answer
<u>AGE</u>			
18 to 34	121 76.1%	26 16.4%	12 7.5%
35 to 49	152 78.4%	30 15.5%	12 6.2%
50 to 64	133 61.0%	63 28.9%	22 10.1%
65 and older	149 62.9%	65 27.4%	23 9.7%

N=808

	MARYLAND OPT-IN		
	Favor	Oppose	No answer
<u>REGION</u>			
Rural Maryland	82 64.6%	32 25.2%	13 10.2%
Baltimore City	45 72.6%	12 19.4%	5 8.1%
Baltimore Suburbs	208 66.5%	80 25.6%	25 8.0%
Washington Suburbs	220 71.9%	60 19.6%	26 8.5%

INTENSITY - Is that strongly or somewhat favor/oppose?

MARYLAND OPT-IN - INTENSITY	Number	Percent
Strongly favor	222	27.5 %
Somewhat favor	333	41.2 %
Somewhat oppose	118	14.6 %
Strongly oppose	66	8.2 %
No answer	69	8.5 %
Total	808	100.0 %

N=808

MARYLAND OPT-IN - INTENSITY				
Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer

RESULTS

Statewide	222 27.5%	333 41.2%	118 14.6%	66 8.2%	69 8.5%
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MARYLAND OPT-IN - INTENSITY				
Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer

PARTY REGISTRATION

Democrat	157 35.5%	166 37.6%	49 11.1%	30 6.8%	40 9.0%
Republican	31 15.2%	87 42.6%	41 20.1%	29 14.2%	16 7.8%
Unaffiliated	34 21.0%	80 49.4%	28 17.3%	7 4.3%	13 8.0%

N=808

MARYLAND OPT-IN - INTENSITY				
Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer

GENDER

Female	133 30.6%	166 38.2%	63 14.5%	33 7.6%	39 9.0%
Male	89 23.8%	167 44.7%	55 14.7%	33 8.8%	30 8.0%

N=808

	MARYLAND OPT-IN - INTENSITY				
	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer
<u>RACE/ETHNICITY</u>					
White	103 22.0%	194 41.5%	81 17.3%	41 8.8%	49 10.5%
African American	96 39.8%	104 43.2%	17 7.1%	13 5.4%	11 4.6%
Other/No answer	23 23.2%	35 35.4%	20 20.2%	12 12.1%	9 9.1%

N=808

	MARYLAND OPT-IN - INTENSITY				
	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer
<u>AGE</u>					
18 to 34	55 34.6%	66 41.5%	18 11.3%	8 5.0%	12 7.5%
35 to 49	68 35.1%	84 43.3%	23 11.9%	7 3.6%	12 6.2%
50 to 64	44 20.2%	89 40.8%	40 18.3%	23 10.6%	22 10.1%
65 and older	55 23.2%	94 39.7%	37 15.6%	28 11.8%	23 9.7%

N=808

	MARYLAND OPT-IN - INTENSITY				
	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer
<u>REGION</u>					
Rural Maryland	26 20.5%	56 44.1%	19 15.0%	13 10.2%	13 10.2%
Baltimore City	22 35.5%	23 37.1%	7 11.3%	5 8.1%	5 8.1%
Baltimore Suburbs	85 27.2%	123 39.3%	51 16.3%	29 9.3%	25 8.0%
Washington Suburbs	89 29.1%	131 42.8%	41 13.4%	19 6.2%	26 8.5%

Now I'm going to read several more details about this federal tax credit program. After hearing each statement, please tell me if it makes you more likely to support the program, less likely to support it, or if it has no effect on how you feel about the program? **ORDER ROTATED**

QUESTION: Costs Maryland Nothing Scholarships are funded by private donations and do NOT affect state or federal education funding. In fact, it costs Maryland nothing to opt in.

<u>COSTS MARYLAND NOTHING</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
More likely	619	76.6 %
Less likely	63	7.8 %
No effect	126	15.6 %
Total	808	100.0 %

N=808

<u>COSTS MARYLAND NOTHING</u>		
<u>More likely</u>	<u>Less likely</u>	<u>No effect</u>

RESULTS

Statewide	619 76.6%	63 7.8%	126 15.6%
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<u>COSTS MARYLAND NOTHING</u>		
<u>More likely</u>	<u>Less likely</u>	<u>No effect</u>

PARTY REGISTRATION

Democrat	334 75.6%	37 8.4%	71 16.1%
Republican	155 76.0%	18 8.8%	31 15.2%
Unaffiliated	130 80.2%	8 4.9%	24 14.8%

N=808

<u>COSTS MARYLAND NOTHING</u>		
<u>More likely</u>	<u>Less likely</u>	<u>No effect</u>

GENDER

Female	326 75.1%	38 8.8%	70 16.1%
Male	293 78.3%	25 6.7%	56 15.0%

N=808

COSTS MARYLAND NOTHING

	More likely	Less likely	No effect
<u>RACE/ETHNICITY</u>			
White	345 73.7%	42 9.0%	81 17.3%
African American	208 86.3%	8 3.3%	25 10.4%
Other/No answer	66 66.7%	13 13.1%	20 20.2%

N=808

COSTS MARYLAND NOTHING

	More likely	Less likely	No effect
<u>AGE</u>			
18 to 34	124 78.0%	11 6.9%	24 15.1%
35 to 49	149 76.8%	9 4.6%	36 18.6%
50 to 64	166 76.1%	23 10.6%	29 13.3%
65 and older	180 75.9%	20 8.4%	37 15.6%

N=808

COSTS MARYLAND NOTHING

	More likely	Less likely	No effect
<u>REGION</u>			
Rural Maryland	90 70.9%	7 5.5%	30 23.6%
Baltimore City	51 82.3%	5 8.1%	6 9.7%
Baltimore Suburbs	241 77.0%	28 8.9%	44 14.1%
Washington Suburbs	237 77.5%	23 7.5%	46 15.0%

INTENSITY - Is that much or somewhat more likely/less likely?

COSTS MARYLAND NOTHING - INTENSITY	Number	Percent
Much more likely	383	47.4 %
Somewhat more likely	236	29.2 %
Somewhat less likely	32	4.0 %
Much less likely	31	3.8 %
No effect	126	15.6 %
Total	808	100.0 %

N=808

COSTS MARYLAND NOTHING - INTENSITY				
Much more likely	Somewhat more likely	Somewhat less likely	Much less likely	No effect

RESULTS

Statewide	383 47.4%	236 29.2%	32 4.0%	31 3.8%	126 15.6%
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COSTS MARYLAND NOTHING - INTENSITY				
Much more likely	Somewhat more likely	Somewhat less likely	Much less likely	No effect

PARTY REGISTRATION

Democrat	208 47.1%	126 28.5%	17 3.8%	20 4.5%	71 16.1%
Republican	87 42.6%	68 33.3%	11 5.4%	7 3.4%	31 15.2%
Unaffiliated	88 54.3%	42 25.9%	4 2.5%	4 2.5%	24 14.8%

N=808

COSTS MARYLAND NOTHING - INTENSITY				
Much more likely	Somewhat more likely	Somewhat less likely	Much less likely	No effect

GENDER

Female	200 46.1%	126 29.0%	16 3.7%	22 5.1%	70 16.1%
Male	183 48.9%	110 29.4%	16 4.3%	9 2.4%	56 15.0%

N=808

	COSTS MARYLAND NOTHING - INTENSITY				
	Much more likely	Somewhat more likely	Somewhat less likely	Much less likely	No effect
<u>RACE/ETHNICITY</u>					
White	190 40.6%	155 33.1%	20 4.3%	22 4.7%	81 17.3%
African American	152 63.1%	56 23.2%	7 2.9%	1 0.4%	25 10.4%
Other/No answer	41 41.4%	25 25.3%	5 5.1%	8 8.1%	20 20.2%

N=808

	COSTS MARYLAND NOTHING - INTENSITY				
	Much more likely	Somewhat more likely	Somewhat less likely	Much less likely	No effect
<u>AGE</u>					
18 to 34	70 44.0%	54 34.0%	6 3.8%	5 3.1%	24 15.1%
35 to 49	94 48.5%	55 28.4%	5 2.6%	4 2.1%	36 18.6%
50 to 64	103 47.2%	63 28.9%	11 5.0%	12 5.5%	29 13.3%
65 and older	116 48.9%	64 27.0%	10 4.2%	10 4.2%	37 15.6%

N=808

	COSTS MARYLAND NOTHING - INTENSITY				
	Much more likely	Somewhat more likely	Somewhat less likely	Much less likely	No effect
<u>REGION</u>					
Rural Maryland	53 41.7%	37 29.1%	3 2.4%	4 3.1%	30 23.6%
Baltimore City	35 56.5%	16 25.8%	4 6.5%	1 1.6%	6 9.7%
Baltimore Suburbs	151 48.2%	90 28.8%	14 4.5%	14 4.5%	44 14.1%
Washington Suburbs	144 47.1%	93 30.4%	11 3.6%	12 3.9%	46 15.0%

QUESTION: \$550 Million Additional Funding According to an independent analysis, Maryland students stand to receive \$550 million in additional education funding from this program, at no expense to the state.

<u>ADDITIONAL \$550M</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
More likely	599	74.1 %
Less likely	91	11.3 %
No effect	118	14.6 %
Total	808	100.0 %

N=808

<u>ADDITIONAL \$550M</u>		
<u>More likely</u>	<u>Less likely</u>	<u>No effect</u>

RESULTS

Statewide	599 74.1%	91 11.3%	118 14.6%
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<u>ADDITIONAL \$550M</u>		
<u>More likely</u>	<u>Less likely</u>	<u>No effect</u>

PARTY REGISTRATION

Democrat	348 78.7%	34 7.7%	60 13.6%
Republican	121 59.3%	43 21.1%	40 19.6%
Unaffiliated	130 80.2%	14 8.6%	18 11.1%

N=808

<u>ADDITIONAL \$550M</u>		
<u>More likely</u>	<u>Less likely</u>	<u>No effect</u>

GENDER

Female	337 77.6%	41 9.4%	56 12.9%
Male	262 70.1%	50 13.4%	62 16.6%

N=808

	ADDITIONAL \$550M		
	More likely	Less likely	No effect
<u>RACE/ETHNICITY</u>			
White	311 66.5%	71 15.2%	86 18.4%
African American	221 91.7%	3 1.2%	17 7.1%
Other/No answer	67 67.7%	17 17.2%	15 15.2%

N=808

	ADDITIONAL \$550M		
	More likely	Less likely	No effect
<u>AGE</u>			
18 to 34	114 71.7%	17 10.7%	28 17.6%
35 to 49	143 73.7%	17 8.8%	34 17.5%
50 to 64	161 73.9%	27 12.4%	30 13.8%
65 and older	181 76.4%	30 12.7%	26 11.0%

N=808

	ADDITIONAL \$550M		
	More likely	Less likely	No effect
<u>REGION</u>			
Rural Maryland	80 63.0%	21 16.5%	26 20.5%
Baltimore City	54 87.1%	3 4.8%	5 8.1%
Baltimore Suburbs	231 73.8%	40 12.8%	42 13.4%
Washington Suburbs	234 76.5%	27 8.8%	45 14.7%

INTENSITY - *Is that much or somewhat more likely/less likely?*

ADDITIONAL \$550M - INTENSITY	Number	Percent
Much more likely	364	45.0 %
Somewhat more likely	235	29.1 %
Somewhat less likely	45	5.6 %
Much less likely	46	5.7 %
No effect	118	14.6 %
Total	808	100.0 %

N=808

ADDITIONAL \$550M - INTENSITY				
Much more likely	Somewhat more likely	Somewhat less likely	Much less likely	No effect

RESULTS

Statewide	364 45.0%	235 29.1%	45 5.6%	46 5.7%	118 14.6%
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N=808

ADDITIONAL \$550M - INTENSITY				
Much more likely	Somewhat more likely	Somewhat less likely	Much less likely	No effect

PARTY REGISTRATION

Democrat	227 51.4%	121 27.4%	24 5.4%	10 2.3%	60 13.6%
Republican	52 25.5%	69 33.8%	19 9.3%	24 11.8%	40 19.6%
Unaffiliated	85 52.5%	45 27.8%	2 1.2%	12 7.4%	18 11.1%

N=808

ADDITIONAL \$550M - INTENSITY				
Much more likely	Somewhat more likely	Somewhat less likely	Much less likely	No effect

GENDER

Female	198 45.6%	139 32.0%	18 4.1%	23 5.3%	56 12.9%
Male	166 44.4%	96 25.7%	27 7.2%	23 6.1%	62 16.6%

N=808

	ADDITIONAL \$550M - INTENSITY				
	Much more likely	Somewhat more likely	Somewhat less likely	Much less likely	No effect
<u>RACE/ETHNICITY</u>					
White	185 39.5%	126 26.9%	36 7.7%	35 7.5%	86 18.4%
African American	138 57.3%	83 34.4%	2 0.8%	1 0.4%	17 7.1%
Other/No answer	41 41.4%	26 26.3%	7 7.1%	10 10.1%	15 15.2%

N=808

	ADDITIONAL \$550M - INTENSITY				
	Much more likely	Somewhat more likely	Somewhat less likely	Much less likely	No effect
<u>AGE</u>					
18 to 34	84 52.8%	30 18.9%	13 8.2%	4 2.5%	28 17.6%
35 to 49	92 47.4%	51 26.3%	10 5.2%	7 3.6%	34 17.5%
50 to 64	91 41.7%	70 32.1%	12 5.5%	15 6.9%	30 13.8%
65 and older	97 40.9%	84 35.4%	10 4.2%	20 8.4%	26 11.0%

N=808

	ADDITIONAL \$550M - INTENSITY				
	Much more likely	Somewhat more likely	Somewhat less likely	Much less likely	No effect
<u>REGION</u>					
Rural Maryland	45 35.4%	35 27.6%	11 8.7%	10 7.9%	26 20.5%
Baltimore City	36 58.1%	18 29.0%	1 1.6%	2 3.2%	5 8.1%
Baltimore Suburbs	146 46.6%	85 27.2%	15 4.8%	25 8.0%	42 13.4%
Washington Suburbs	137 44.8%	97 31.7%	18 5.9%	9 2.9%	45 14.7%

QUESTION: Available to Public School Students Scholarships will be available to public school students, not limited only to private school students.

<u>AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS</u>	Number	Percent
More likely	639	79.1 %
Less likely	82	10.1 %
No effect	87	10.8 %
Total	808	100.0 %

N=808

<u>AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS</u>		
More likely	Less likely	No effect

RESULTS

Statewide	639 79.1%	82 10.1%	87 10.8%
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N=808

<u>AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS</u>		
More likely	Less likely	No effect

PARTY REGISTRATION

Democrat	377 85.3%	25 5.7%	40 9.0%
Republican	136 66.7%	37 18.1%	31 15.2%
Unaffiliated	126 77.8%	20 12.3%	16 9.9%

N=808

<u>AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS</u>		
More likely	Less likely	No effect

GENDER

Female	355 81.8%	34 7.8%	45 10.4%
Male	284 75.9%	48 12.8%	42 11.2%

N=808

AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

	More likely	Less likely	No effect
<u>RACE/ETHNICITY</u>			
White	343 73.3%	65 13.9%	60 12.8%
African American	226 93.8%	3 1.2%	12 5.0%
Other/No answer	70 70.7%	14 14.1%	15 15.2%

N=808

AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

	More likely	Less likely	No effect
<u>AGE</u>			
18 to 34	124 78.0%	15 9.4%	20 12.6%
35 to 49	156 80.4%	17 8.8%	21 10.8%
50 to 64	175 80.3%	23 10.6%	20 9.2%
65 and older	184 77.6%	27 11.4%	26 11.0%

N=808

AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

	More likely	Less likely	No effect
<u>REGION</u>			
Rural Maryland	95 74.8%	16 12.6%	16 12.6%
Baltimore City	55 88.7%	5 8.1%	2 3.2%
Baltimore Suburbs	236 75.4%	39 12.5%	38 12.1%
Washington Suburbs	253 82.7%	22 7.2%	31 10.1%

INTENSITY - *Is that much or somewhat more likely/less likely?*

AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS - INTENSITY	Number	Percent
Much more likely	432	53.5 %
Somewhat more likely	207	25.6 %
Somewhat less likely	42	5.2 %
Much less likely	40	5.0 %
No effect	87	10.8 %
Total	808	100.0 %

N=808

AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS - INTENSITY				
Much more likely	Somewhat more likely	Somewhat less likely	Much less likely	No effect

RESULTS

Statewide	432 53.5%	207 25.6%	42 5.2%	40 5.0%	87 10.8%
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AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS - INTENSITY				
Much more likely	Somewhat more likely	Somewhat less likely	Much less likely	No effect

PARTY REGISTRATION

Democrat	262 59.3%	115 26.0%	5 1.1%	20 4.5%	40 9.0%
Republican	86 42.2%	50 24.5%	24 11.8%	13 6.4%	31 15.2%
Unaffiliated	84 51.9%	42 25.9%	13 8.0%	7 4.3%	16 9.9%

N=808

AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS - INTENSITY				
Much more likely	Somewhat more likely	Somewhat less likely	Much less likely	No effect

GENDER

Female	238 54.8%	117 27.0%	12 2.8%	22 5.1%	45 10.4%
Male	194 51.9%	90 24.1%	30 8.0%	18 4.8%	42 11.2%

N=808

AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS - INTENSITY

	Much more likely	Somewhat more likely	Somewhat less likely	Much less likely	No effect
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RACE/ETHNICITY

White	234 50.0%	109 23.3%	38 8.1%	27 5.8%	60 12.8%
African American	151 62.7%	75 31.1%	2 0.8%	1 0.4%	12 5.0%
Other/No answer	47 47.5%	23 23.2%	2 2.0%	12 12.1%	15 15.2%

N=808

AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS - INTENSITY

	Much more likely	Somewhat more likely	Somewhat less likely	Much less likely	No effect
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AGE

18 to 34	101 63.5%	23 14.5%	8 5.0%	7 4.4%	20 12.6%
35 to 49	106 54.6%	50 25.8%	9 4.6%	8 4.1%	21 10.8%
50 to 64	111 50.9%	64 29.4%	9 4.1%	14 6.4%	20 9.2%
65 and older	114 48.1%	70 29.5%	16 6.8%	11 4.6%	26 11.0%

N=808

AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS - INTENSITY

	Much more likely	Somewhat more likely	Somewhat less likely	Much less likely	No effect
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REGION

Rural Maryland	68 53.5%	27 21.3%	7 5.5%	9 7.1%	16 12.6%
Baltimore City	40 64.5%	15 24.2%	3 4.8%	2 3.2%	2 3.2%
Baltimore Suburbs	158 50.5%	78 24.9%	21 6.7%	18 5.8%	38 12.1%
Washington Suburbs	166 54.2%	87 28.4%	11 3.6%	11 3.6%	31 10.1%

QUESTION: Should/Should Not Participate Which of the following statements comes closer to your view about this program? **(ORDER ROTATED)**

- Maryland SHOULD participate so that Maryland dollars stay in Maryland, and Maryland kids can benefit from this program.
- or,
- Maryland SHOULD NOT participate because it take students and funding away from public schools, making it harder for them to serve their students.

<u>MARYLAND PARTICIPATE IN TAX CREDIT</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Should participate	499	61.8 %
Should Not participate	242	30.0 %
No answer	67	8.3 %
Total	808	100.0 %

N=808

<u>MARYLAND PARTICIPATE IN TAX CREDIT</u>		
<u>Should participate</u>	<u>Should Not participate</u>	<u>No answer</u>

RESULTS

Statewide	499 61.8%	242 30.0%	67 8.3%
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N=808

<u>MARYLAND PARTICIPATE IN TAX CREDIT</u>		
<u>Should participate</u>	<u>Should Not participate</u>	<u>No answer</u>

PARTY REGISTRATION

Democrat	243 55.0%	164 37.1%	35 7.9%
Republican	136 66.7%	49 24.0%	19 9.3%
Unaffiliated	120 74.1%	29 17.9%	13 8.0%

N=808

<u>MARYLAND PARTICIPATE IN TAX CREDIT</u>		
<u>Should participate</u>	<u>Should Not participate</u>	<u>No answer</u>

GENDER

Female	262 60.4%	129 29.7%	43 9.9%
Male	237 63.4%	113 30.2%	24 6.4%

N=808

	MARYLAND PARTICIPATE IN TAX CREDIT		
	Should participate	Should Not participate	No answer
<u>RACE/ETHNICITY</u>			
White	259 55.3%	164 35.0%	45 9.6%
African American	187 77.6%	46 19.1%	8 3.3%
Other/No answer	53 53.5%	32 32.3%	14 14.1%

N=808

	MARYLAND PARTICIPATE IN TAX CREDIT		
	Should participate	Should Not participate	No answer
<u>AGE</u>			
18 to 34	90 56.6%	52 32.7%	17 10.7%
35 to 49	128 66.0%	55 28.4%	11 5.7%
50 to 64	141 64.7%	58 26.6%	19 8.7%
65 and older	140 59.1%	77 32.5%	20 8.4%

N=808

	MARYLAND PARTICIPATE IN TAX CREDIT		
	Should participate	Should Not participate	No answer
<u>REGION</u>			
Rural Maryland	82 64.6%	37 29.1%	8 6.3%
Baltimore City	40 64.5%	18 29.0%	4 6.5%
Baltimore Suburbs	185 59.1%	98 31.3%	30 9.6%
Washington Suburbs	192 62.7%	89 29.1%	25 8.2%

Appendix B: Maryland Poll Sample Demographics

<u>PARTY REGISTRATION</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Democrat	442	54.7 %
Republican	204	25.2 %
Unaffiliated	162	20.0 %
Total	808	100.0 %

<u>AGE</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
18 to 34	159	19.7 %
35 to 49	194	24.0 %
50 to 64	218	27.0 %
65 and older	237	29.3 %
Total	808	100.0 %

<u>RACE/ETHNICITY</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
White	468	57.9 %
African American	241	29.8 %
Other/No answer	99	12.3 %
Total	808	100.0 %

<u>GENDER</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Female	434	53.7 %
Male	374	46.3 %
Total	808	100.0 %

<u>REGION</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Rural Maryland	127	15.7 %
Baltimore City	62	7.7 %
Baltimore Suburbs	313	38.7 %
Washington Suburbs	306	37.9 %
Total	808	100.0 %

Regional Groupings

Rural Maryland – includes Allegany, Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Garrett, Kent, Queen Anne’s, St. Mary’s, Somerset, Talbot, Washington, Wicomico, and Worcester counties.

Baltimore City – includes Baltimore City.

Baltimore Suburbs – includes Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, and Howard counties.

Washington Suburbs – includes Charles, Frederick, Montgomery, and Prince George’s counties.