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**Maryland Working Families** is a growing progressive political movement pushing for an economy and justice system that works for all of us and a democracy in which every voice matters. Affiliated with the national Working Families Organization, Maryland Working Families is powered by people who believe in a better future for all Marylanders. Harnessing the power of locally-based, politically savvy community organizations, unions, progressive activists and elected officials, here’s what we do:

**We Educate.** Through aggressive public education and issue campaigns we change the public dialogue to focus on raising standards for working families. Maryland Working Families led the campaign to raise the minimum wage in Maryland. We are also organizing communities across the state to give workers paid sick days; guarantee that men and women who do the same job, earn the same wages; create tens of thousands of green jobs while protecting our environment, and protect our public education system and tackle student debt.

**We organize.** Maryland Working Families is organizing people in their communities to educate and engage them around issues that matter. Each month, we reach thousands of people at the door, on the phone and by email, giving them the opportunity to voice their concerns and to take action. Our work doesn’t end on Election Day. After elections are over, we need to work just as hard to hold all our elected officials accountable to the needs of hard working families.

**We build leaders.** Through our Leadership Pipeline project, Working Families recruits, trains and elects leaders who share our mission to local and state office. Acting in partnership with advocates, campaign and media professionals, we’re giving progressive candidates the skills they need to win. We’re backing that up with the people power and technical expertise that will push then over the finish line. Through our Progressive Study Group, we’re working with progressive elected leaders to provide them with the information, tools and support they need to be effective and pass legislation that will help working people.

**We need you.** Maryland Working Families is driven by people who are passionate about building a fair economy and creating a government that is responsive to the people of Maryland. To join us as a member, or as a volunteer, visit [www.workingfamilies.org/maryland](http://www.workingfamilies.org/maryland) or return the postcard below.

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