

# ADDITIONAL ISSUES

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In addition to our four priority issues for the 2020 Maryland General Assembly, JUFJ is supporting additional issues that reflect our values and are important to our allies.

## **RENTERS' RIGHTS**

All people have a right to live in safe and stable housing. We will support bills to help give tenants a fair chance in the Rent Court system to resolve financial, maintenance, and safety issues; to prevent housing discrimination; and to reduce unjust evictions.

## **DEFEND SICK LEAVE**

We expect an attack on the 2017 earned sick and safe leave bill that covers 700,000 working people in Maryland. We will work to make sure nobody is cut out of the law or punished for taking leave.

## **FAIR TAXES**

Maryland doesn't have enough money to pay for vital services and programs, including fully funding the recommendations of the Kirwan Commission. Many wealthy corporations and individuals pay little to no state income taxes, leaving low- and middle-income families to foot the bill. We will work to ensure that the richest Marylanders are paying their fair share.

## **NO MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCES**

Governor Hogan wants to pass new mandatory minimum sentencing requirements for gun offenses. This would disproportionately target young people of color, trapping them in a criminal justice system that destroys lives and does not make our communities safer. We will work to block these harmful efforts.

## **PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY**

Skyrocketing prescription drug prices are making medicine inaccessible for everyone but very wealthy Marylanders. The Prescription Drug Affordability Board, formed to study and implement upper payment limits on what state, local, and county governments pay for drugs, requires funding.

## **REFORM SOLITARY CONFINEMENT**

Solitary confinement ("restrictive housing") is a form of physical and psychological torture that is used as a routine punishment for incarcerated people in Maryland. This disproportionately affects LGBTQI+ folks, poor people, and people of color. We will build on wins from last session to continue limiting how it can be used in our state.