



Congressman Ben Cardin

Maryland's Third District



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Dear Friends,

I hope you will take a moment to fill out my 2005 Annual Questionnaire, which is included in this E-Newsletter. From Social Security and the size of our military to health care issues and the environment, it's important that I know how you feel about important issues facing our nation.

I also have sent this Questionnaire by mail to residents of the Third Congressional District. However, I believe many of you will find responding online to my Annual Questionnaire much easier. I want you to be assured that your individual answers will be kept strictly confidential. I will update you with the overall results in my next E-Newsletter.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Benjamin L. Cardin

Member of Congress

Congressman Cardin's 2005 Online Questionnaire

1- Should working Americans under the age of 55 be permitted to divert one-third of their Social Security payroll taxes into private accounts?

Yes

No

2- Do you believe the federal government should continue to fund the Perkins Loan program, which provides low-interest loans to students with exceptional financial need?

Yes

No

3- Ongoing U.S. commitments in Iraq, Afghanistan and other foreign nations are putting a large burden on Reservists and the National Guard. Do you believe we should increase the size of our full-time military?

Yes

No

4- Should members of the National Guard and Reserves who do not have health insurance through their civilian employers be guaranteed coverage through the military health care system?

Yes

No

5- President Bush has proposed building the largest U.S. embassy abroad in Iraq. Do you support such a large, permanent U.S. presence in that nation?

Yes

No

6- Should the U.S. adopt the Kyoto Protocol and be subject to international environmental standards?

Yes

No

7- Do you think the U.S. should insist in negotiating free trade agreements that require foreign companies to comply with international labor and environmental standards?

Yes

No

8- Should the government increase incentives and impose stricter regulations on conservation programs in an effort to reduce nutrients from entering the Chesapeake Bay?

Yes

No

9- Should Congress provide tax or Medicare incentives to encourage Americans to complete living wills?

Yes

No

10- Should doctors be allowed to prescribe marijuana to patients with severe illnesses to alleviate pain?

Yes

No

11- Should Congress require stricter security measures for passenger rail transportation, such as requiring selected bags and passengers to go through metal detectors and scanners?

Yes

No

12- Should Congress reauthorize the ban on assault weapons?

Yes

No

13- Should the United Nations authorize the use of force to stop the genocide in Sudan?

Yes

No

14- Should the U.S. insist allies such as Saudi Arabia and Pakistan institute democratic reforms?

Yes

No

15- Should the detainees at Guantanamo Bay have the right to a lawyer and a hearing before an impartial judge?

Yes

No

16- Should legal immigrants working in this nation be permitted to receive public benefits that U.S. citizens are entitled to under the law?

Yes

No

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* THIRD DISTRICT ARTS COMPETITION

Monday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m.

American Visionary Art Museum

800 Key Highway, Baltimore

* PIKESVILLE SENIOR CENTER

Monday, May 16 at 11:30 p.m.

1301 Reisterstown Road

* SOCIAL SECURITY TOWN HALL MEETING

Monday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m.

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Previous Survey Question Results

Do you think free trade agreements should require foreign companies to comply with fair international labor and environmental standards?

Answer	Percent
Yes	94.35%
No	5.65%
Total	100%