



Congressman Ben Cardin

Maryland's Third District



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Dear <:firstname:>,

I want to thank everyone who took the time to respond to my 2004 Online Questionnaire. In addition to talking with constituents at Town Hall meetings and other community events throughout the year, my annual Questionnaire gives me another opportunity to get your views about many of the issues that confront our nation.

For the first time, this year's Questionnaire was sent to you by E-mail. I also have mailed it to constituents throughout the Third Congressional District. I find that the responses to my annual Questionnaire are very useful in helping me represent you. It's also obvious that many of you have strong opinions. The Questionnaire results are in this E-News Update, and I think you will find them very interesting.

If you would like to receive future E-News Updates [please click here](#) or on the "Join Now" link located on the side. I also have included a new Survey Question, which is locate on the side.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to complete my 2004 Questionnaire.

Sincerely,
Ben

Benjamin L. Cardin
Member of Congress

P.S. For those who do not wish to get my E-News Updates, click on the "unsubscribe" button located in the top right-hand corner.



Congressman Cardin Listens To Testimony Before His Human Resources Subcommittee About The Baltimore City Child Welfare System

Congressman Cardin, the leading Democrat on the Human Resources Subcommittee, questions Maryland officials at a hearing about the failures of Baltimore City's welfare system in the wake of the deaths of one-month-old twin girls. The Congressman wants immediate changes in the child welfare system to ensure that future tragedies like this never occur again. [For more information, click here.](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

On Tuesday, August 3rd at noon, I will be a guest on **WYPR's "Marc Steiner Show" -- 88.1-FM**. I will be talking about a number of issues before Congress, including Medicare, Homeland Security, the War in Iraq and Iraqi prison abuse scandal.

2004 QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

1. Should Congress approve the President's request of another \$25 billion supplemental appropriation to pay for the Iraq War?

Answer	Percent
Yes	44%
No	56%

2. Should private contractors be used to guard or interrogate enemy prisoners?

Answer	Percent
Yes	20%
No	80%

3. Facing the long-term challenges of the War on Terror and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, would you support the resumption of the military draft?

Answer	Percent
Yes	34%
No	66%

4. If the draft were to be reinstated, should women also be included?

Answer	Percent
Yes	55%
No	45%

5. Should Congress reauthorize the PATRIOT Act, which was enacted after 9/11 to modernize our wiretap and investigation laws to track down terrorists?

Answer	Percent
Yes	53%
No	47%

6. Biometrics is the use of fingerprints, eye scans, and voice recognition to verify an individual's identity. Should Congress require biometric identification on all passports?

Answer	Percent
Yes	78%
No	22%

7. Maryland recently enacted a new fee on wastewater with the revenues targeted specifically to address Chesapeake Bay pollution. Would you support a similar approach at the federal level to fund key environmental priorities?

Answer	Percent
Yes	65%
No	35%

8. The Clean Air Act required existing coal burning power plants to make major environmental investments when renovating or expanding. The Bush Administration has eased these requirements, saying they were impeding modernization of electrical capacity. Do you support the easing of air pollution requirements?

Answer	Percent
Yes	21%
No	79%

9. Some states are building new toll lanes on highways in congested areas, with the toll revenues being used to build the new lanes. Do you support using tolls to expand the Baltimore Beltway instead of a broader-based increase in the gas tax to expand the highway system?

Answer	Percent
Yes	46%
No	54%

10. Do you believe the federal government should continue to support the operations and purchase of new equipment for Amtrak?

Answer	Percent
Yes	65%
No	35%

11. Do you support tax incentives that would encourage highly qualified teachers to work in schools that are having trouble meeting the achievement standards set by the "No Child Left Behind" law?

Answer	Percent
Yes	81%
No	19%

12. Would you support an increase in the annual maximum Pell Grant for the neediest undergraduate students?

Answer	Percent
Yes	76%
No	24%

13. Do you support enactment of federal legislation to protect individuals from being discriminated against because of genetic testing results?

Answer	Percent
Yes	77%
No	23%

14. Should National Guard and Reserve members who do not have health insurance through their year-round employers be guaranteed coverage through the military health care system?

Answer	Percent
Yes	82%
No	18%

15. Should the Food and Drug Administration make emergency contraception, i.e., the "morning after pill" available for sale over the counter?

Answer	Percent
Yes	64%
No	36%

16. Should Congress insist on stricter country of origin labeling on grocery store products?

Answer	Percent
Yes	77%
No	23%

17. Should Congress ban the practice of racial profiling by state and local law enforcement?

Answer	Percent
Yes	56%
No	44%

18. Should working Americans under the age of 45 be permitted to put a percentage of their payroll taxes into private retirement accounts rather than into the Social Security system?

Answer	Percent
Yes	53%
No	47%

19. Should NASA support a manned servicing mission to the Hubble Space Telescope to keep it operational approximately 2012?

Answer	Percent
Yes	67%
No	33%

20. Should Congress adopt a constitutional amendment that would prohibit states from recognizing same-sex marriages?

Answer	Percent
Yes	39%
No	61%

21. Should the United States lift its trade embargo against Cuba?

Answer	Percent
Yes	72%
No	28%

22. To improve the timeliness of information, I am moving toward an increase in internet communications. Next year, would you favor answering my Questionnaire through the internet?

Answer	Percent
Yes	74%
No	26%

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Survey Question

Congressman Cardin Wants To Hear From You

Do you support federal legislation that would provide performance bonuses to states that improve their child welfare systems?

Yes

No

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