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STIFLER'S LEGISLATIVE SUCCESSES MOUNT UP to SAVINGS

... Harford Delegate protects consumers, cracks down on predators

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The conclusion of the Maryland General Assembly Session saw the **passage** of three legislative proposals by Harford County State Delegate Donna Stifler (R., 35A) that will save taxpayers significant money and make children in Harford County and all across Maryland safer.

“Government should be in the business of giving taxpayers good value for their money,” said Stifler. “We need to do a much better job of evaluating government spending.”

Stifler sponsored HB 613 **which was signed into law by Governor O'Malley on Tuesday**. It replaces government positions with contracts bid out to the private sector to perform elevator inspections. The result is less state spending and an increase in revenue to the state from contractor certifications. “It provides more opportunities for private sector contractors and less government spending. It's perfect,” said Stifler.

Stifler acted to protect consumers from appraisal fraud by prohibiting false and misleading statements in any documents used in the Maryland mortgage process. HB 79 passed both the House of Delegates and the State Senate unanimously **and was also signed by the Governor on Tuesday**. “The mortgage process is complicated,” said Stifler. “We cannot allow a small number of unscrupulous people to ruin the American dream for any of our citizens.”

Stifler's third legislative success this Session involved Maryland's effort to control convicted sexual predators. HB 96 requires sexual predators to provide updated photographs for use on law enforcement web sites every six months. The previous requirement of an annual update allowed some predators to change their appearance. Stifler has long been active in community efforts to protect children in Harford County. “Our kids rely upon us to keep them safe,” she said. “It should be a priority for every elected official and parent.” HB 96 is on the Governor's desk **awaiting his signature**.