



The majority of the Latino members of Congress stood up to the radical efforts in the House and Senate to undermine protections for our air, water, lands, and wildlife and we commend the Obama administration and our Congressional allies for defeating these attacks.

# 2015 NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCORECARD

FIRST SESSION OF THE 114TH CONGRESS

## MARYLAND'S MEMBERS OF CONGRESS



Since 1970, the League of Conservation Voters (LCV) *National Environmental Scorecard* has been the nationally accepted yardstick used to rate members of Congress on environmental, public health and energy issues. English and Spanish versions of the full *Scorecard* can be found at [scorecard.lcv.org](http://scorecard.lcv.org).

In 2013, LCV launched *Chispa* (“spark” in Spanish) to create opportunities for Latino families and leaders across the country to have a stronger voice and leadership in the fight against climate change. From Phoenix to Denver, Baltimore to Las Vegas, Latina moms, youth and others are organizing to ensure that their leaders—local and national—heed their calls for clean air, safe water and a secure future.

*Chispa Maryland*, a program of Maryland League of Conservation Voters, is committed to ensuring that Latino families and leaders are a strong voice for protecting our health and the environment and also offers opportunities for education and civic participation. In 2015, most of Maryland’s congressional delegation displayed tremendous leadership in protecting our air, water, lands and wildlife from extreme attacks—including Representatives Donna Edwards and Chris Van Hollen who earned perfect 100 percent scores on the 2015 *Scorecard*. These leaders are championing issues

important to all Marylanders, including Latinos, like investments in clean energy, curbing the impacts of climate change and working to restore and protect one of Maryland’s greatest natural resources, the Chesapeake Bay.

Senator Ben Cardin, as ranking Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, played a critical role in standing up to attempts to undermine the global climate agreement finalized in 2015, where nearly 200 countries committed to doing their fair share to reduce carbon pollution. Additionally, the 2015 *Scorecard* includes an amendment from Representative Edwards to update standards for smog pollution to protect families, especially Latinos and other communities of color, from this harmful pollution that causes asthma and other serious health problems.

In contrast to their leadership, Representative Andy Harris is the only current member of Congress from Maryland with a dismal record on the environment. He earned a 3 percent on the 2015 *Scorecard*.

[WWW.LCV.ORG/CHISPA](http://WWW.LCV.ORG/CHISPA)

# LATINO POPULATION

PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL

0-5%

6-10%

11-16%

## SENATE

## HOUSE



**Ben Cardin**  
(D)

2015 SCORE: **96%**



**Barbara Mikulski**  
(D)

2015 SCORE: **96%**



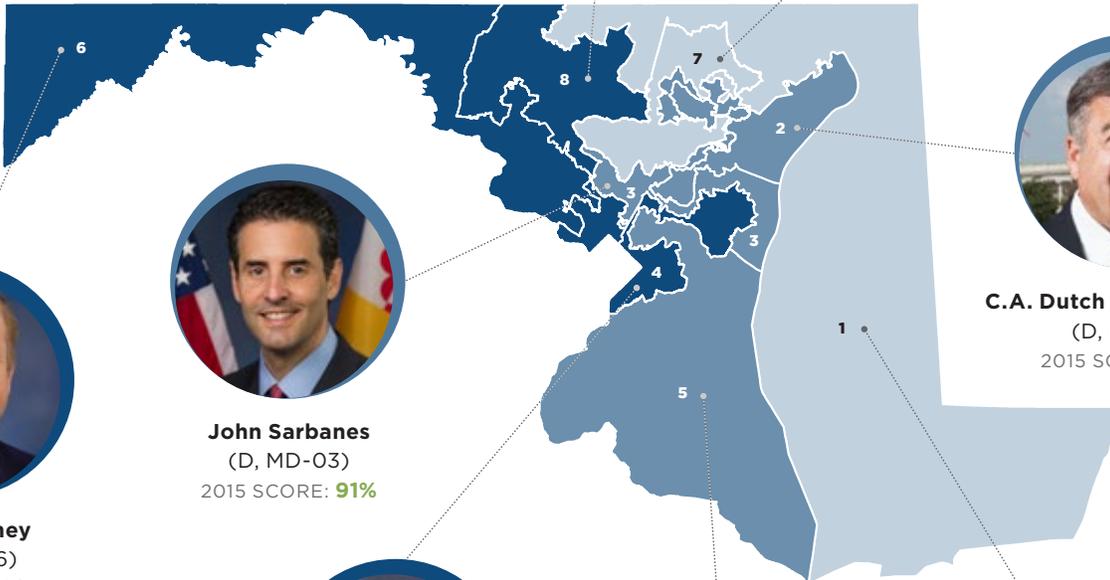
**Chris Van Hollen**  
(D, MD-08)

2015 SCORE: **100%**



**Elijah Cummings**  
(D, MD-07)

2015 SCORE: **97%**



**C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger**  
(D, MD-02)

2015 SCORE: **80%**



**John Delaney**  
(D, MD-06)

2015 SCORE: **89%**



**John Sarbanes**  
(D, MD-03)

2015 SCORE: **91%**



**Donna Edwards**  
(D, MD-04)

2015 SCORE: **100%**



**Steny Hoyer**  
(D, MD-05)

2015 SCORE: **89%**



**Andy Harris**  
(R, MD-01)

2015 SCORE: **3%**

To get more information about environmental and climate justice issues impacting Latino communities, please visit [lcv.org/Chispa](http://lcv.org/Chispa) or follow us on Twitter at [@ChispaLCV](https://twitter.com/ChispaLCV) and [@LCVoters](https://twitter.com/LCVoters)



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