

"Whether you have a Ph.D. or no D, we're in this bag together!"

--Fannie Lou Hamer



March 10, 2026

Dear Wonderful Spokes in the Wheel:

This letter is "filled to the brim" with a **Great Big Hug** and **Gratitude** for your unwavering love and support of our Coalition. The information which we receive has a strong impact on our communities. That is what we are about.

March is when God really shows us just how powerful He is! Flowers begin to bloom, leaves appear on trees, grass starts to appear and grow, gardens are planted for harvest, and we experience a change in clothing. We also celebrate the women who were the movers, shakers, and warriors who contributed to make this the greatest country in the world. There are those we know and those we will never know. But God knows!

Our Coalition breakfast meeting for this month will convene on **Monday, March 23, 2026**, at St. Margaret's Catholic Church, 410 Addison Road, South, Capitol Heights, Maryland 20743 at **9:00 a.m.** We will receive updates from Law Enforcement, Fire and EMS agencies. There will be special presentations regarding Fire Safety, Understanding Your Heart, and Resources relevant to our taxes in savings and reductions. We are also going to provide information regarding legislative updates. Please be prepared to discuss our telephone tree.

In this world, country, state, and county we are enduring a storm. Our Coalition has thrived and survived over 32 years with few resources. When we are focused and sincere about our goals and mission, "Darkness comes for a Night, but joy will come in the morning!" Let's meditate, keep each other in prayer and keep looking up! If you need further information or wish to volunteer for our activities, please contact us at (410) 841-3148 or email: Joanne.Benson@senate.maryland.gov.

Gripped with Gratitude,

Joanne C. Benson

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Rosa Parks *sat!* Martin Luther King, Jr. *walked!* and Barack Obama *ran!*

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