



TESTIMONY FOR SB0372

ELECTION LAW – CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES – VOTER REGISTRATION AND VOTING

Bill Sponsor: Senator West

Committee: Judicial Proceedings

Organization Submitting: Maryland Legislative Coalition

Person Submitting: Cecilia Plante, co-chair

Position: FAVORABLE

I am submitting this testimony in favor of SB0372 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. The Maryland Legislative Coalition is an association of individuals and grassroots groups with members in every district in the state. We have over 30,000 members across the state.

Our Coalition members are very supportive of every Marylander's right to vote. We are aware that there are persons in the state, who have the right to vote, but do not always know that they can vote, or know when elections are being held. Persons who are incarcerated awaiting trial, persons who are serving time for misdemeanors, and those just released from incarceration are often uncertain of their rights and are de facto disenfranchised from one of their basic rights.

This legislation would seek to address that problem by providing information and voter registration forms to them. This is an important step forward in ensuring that all Marylanders who have the right to vote have the tools and information available to them to cast their vote.

The Maryland Legislative Coalition supports this bill and we recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in committee.