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**House Bill 1222 State Board of Elections - Campaign Finance Enforcement and Compliance - New State Positions**

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to present House Bill 1222 State Board of Elections - Campaign Finance Enforcement and Compliance - New State Positions, which requires the Department of Budget and Management to create two new state positions for the State Board of Elections for the purpose of employing staff to enforce campaign finance violations and to ensure compliance with campaign finance law.

Currently, the State Board of Elections manages and supervises elections and ensures compliance with the Election Law Article of the Maryland Code. To do this, they must have sufficient staff to review campaign-finance related reports and records. HB 1222 creates two new positions to oversee campaign finance enforcement and compliance and assist with investigations, legal research, and pursuit of civil citations.

To ensure elections remain fair and equitable, the State Board of Elections must have the capacity to enforce our campaign finance laws. For these reasons, I urge a **favorable** report for **House Bill 1222**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jheanelle Wilkins".

Delegate Jheanelle Wilkins