

BILL: SB0101

BILL TITLE: Election Law- Contested Elections

BILL SPONSOR: Senator Kagan

COMMITTEE: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

POSITION: FAVORABLE HEARING DATE: 1/26/22

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF SB0101

Represent Maryland is a grassroots, all volunteer group of voters who believe in democracy and oppose corruption. We believe that a key tenet of a democracy is free and fair elections. In addition, in our view, we believe that spurious challenges to clear election results are damaging to the credibility of our elections.

Legislation that improves the integrity of our elections is more important than ever. Thus, we urge a favorable report for SB0101 as it will strengthen and clarify the electoral process, discouraging trivial challenges while increasing the threshold for serious challenges of legitimately close elections.

Sincerely, Ben Tabatabai, Member Represent Maryland Maryland Voter-LD07

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