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Maryland General Assembly Members of the Education, Energy and the Environment Committee Annapolis, MD

RE: SB0039-Ballot Access-Affiliating With a party-Unaffiliated Voters

Dear Delegates,

We oppose SB 39 and respectfully request that you vote against it.

With the amount of election fraud accusations in our country, it appears that this bill is inviting more of the same.

I am in favor of voter rights, and it isn't like people don't know when an election is going to happen and can change their affiliation, etc. within the time frame already allowed. But, I feel this invites quick changes that could affect the outcome of a primary by flooding election personnel with last-minute changes to vote for candidates of a certain party, when they would not be able to do so as an affiliate voter.

Have affiliate voters comply with existing timeframes for changing their party affiliation if they choose to do so.

Please vote against this bill.

Sincerely,

Christine Hunt and Jay Crouthers