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Maryland General Assembly  
Members of the Ways and Means Committee  
Annapolis, MD

RE: HB0572- Postelection Tabulation Audits-Risk-Limiting Audits

Dear Delegates,

We oppose HB 572 and respectfully request that you vote against it.

This bill was previously submitted in 2022 as HB0745. In reviewing the Fiscal and Policy Note, it will eliminate manual audits of paper records and use an “automated software audit” machine.

We feel that this opens a wide door to altering the count of ballots toward a party’s preference since there is a strong possibility that these machines could be programmed for a particular outcome.

If anything, please fund more money to Boards of Elections to conduct more in-depth hand-counting after elections to eliminate voter fraud which has been rampant in this country.

Please vote against it.

Sincerely,

Christine Hunt and Jay Crouthers