

## Testimony submitted by Talbot County Citizen Shari Wilcoxon

### TRANSPARANCY = TRUST

Regardless of who wins any election, to have confidence in the outcome is paramount. And should be paramount for every elected official. None of you should want people to think you are only in office because of a fraudulent election. Right?

In a recent survey 93% of "ALL AMERICANS" polled regardless of political party, agreed that there should be "NO FRAUD" in our elections. Can you show me any other single issue today that 93% of ALL AMERICANS agree upon?

Since at least year 2000 there have been many people in each political party crying foul in our elections. To name a few nationally we know of course Donald Trump and a multitude of his voters have decried elections as rigged, but so have Hillary Clinton, Kamala Harris, Adam Schiff, Jerry Nadler, Maxine Waters, Elizabeth Warren, Stacy Abrams, and I could go on and on...Stacey Abrams has claimed she is the legitimate governor of Georgia for years. All of this is easily available to see on the internet,

And right here in Maryland, a news story just came out about Lynn Garland, wife of Attorney General of the United States Merrick Garland, writing multiple letters/emails acquired via MPIA raising her concerns about the potential fraud associated with the ES&S DS200 Tabulators in 2015. As you all know, these are the machines we still use in Maryland.

So, every single elected official in this body, just like every single voter, no matter what party affiliation, should want to do all they can to ensure that our elections are legal, fair, and accurate. AND do everything in their power to be transparent so no one can question the legitimacy of the elections from either party.

Transparency is the answer.

The easiest way to prove or disprove these "allegations" would be for Maryland to publish and store all of the data, documents and reports generated in the administration of the official duties related to the all elections. Full and total transparency would finally put to rest the concerns

that “We the People” have that our elections may have been compromised by the very people entrusted to administer them.

This bill is straightforward, simply asking for retention and access to what is already law.

It requires the county Boards of Elections to:

- 1) follow Maryland law
- 2) and to maintain accurate records and have them available for legal public inspection for the citizens of their county.

I urge you to put your vote where I believe your beliefs are and vote in support of transparency and trust.

Please vote YES on SB 1052.