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OPPOSE – Do not vote in favor of HB0333 in committee.

HB0333 - Election Law - Election Disinformation and Improper Influence Related to Voting

Maryland residents do **NOT** need a Ministry of Truth.

The amendments from the original bill may seem like it made a bad bill better however, I believe the amended bill is worse than the original. The original bill had corporations report information to our government **while the amended bill unbelievably has citizens report on the thoughts and beliefs of Maryland citizens to our government.**

We do not need citizens turning in fellow citizens for their thoughts and beliefs. We do not need the SBE being the **arbiter of truth** especially when there are things labeled misinformation that eventually turn out to be true after an independent investigation and assessment.

Our great country made it this far without a Ministry of Truth. Maryland ratified the US Constitution on April 28, 1788, 236 years ago. Let's continue the tradition of letting information flow without government filters. Where we trust our citizens to determine what is true as all the available information flows throughout our public spaces.

I respectfully request that you **DO NOT VOTE IN FAVOR** of HB0333 in committee.