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Alvin P. Stewart
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February 20, 2024

Dear Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee Members,

As Alvin Stewart, I'm submitting this statement as a private citizen. I'm fully supportive of Senate Bill 812, *Election Law – Party ad Elected Public Offices – Prohibition*, as I firmly believe that individuals running for public office should be restricted from running for multiple positions concurrently. Therefore, a person's name should not appear more than once on a ballot. It's essential that candidates demonstrate their commitment to a single office. Therefore, I offer my wholehearted endorsement of Senate Bill 812.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alvin Stewart". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed within a hand-drawn oval.

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Testimony of Senator Arthur Ellis in Support of Senate Bill 812: Election Law – Party and Elected Public Offices – Prohibition

Dear Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and Members of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee:

Senate Bill 812 alters the application of provisions of law that prohibit an individual from simultaneously being a candidate for more than one public office or office of a political party; and prohibits individuals from simultaneously being a candidate for, or holding, a party office and an elected public office.

I urge your favorable report on Senate Bill 812.

Yours in Service

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Arthur Ellis" with a small "AES" monogram at the end.

Arthur Ellis – District 28

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Senate Bill 812 - FAVORABLE
Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee;

Please give Senate Bill 812 a FAVORABLE report. Senate Bill 812 would prohibit individuals from being a candidate for or in an elected position and simultaneously being a candidate for or holding a Party office.

I live in Anne Arundel County where Corine Frank ran for and won my district's position on the county Board of Education while also being the Executive Director of the Maryland Republican Party. The county Board of Education race is supposed to be nonpartisan, but this position enabled Corine Frank to utilize the power of the Maryland Republican Party while electioneering at the polls. The stain of partisanship corrupted the entire election.

I'm likewise concerned that a Party's primaries would be contaminated if a candidate held a Party office. All Primary candidates should have an equal opportunity to be elected by the majority of their Party.

I urge you to give Senate Bill 812 a Favorable report in order to create a more fair and equitable system. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Debi Jasen
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