



**To: House Delegates Ways and Means Committee**

**Subject: HB0142 HB0164 HB0192 HB0202**

**Date January 23, 2024**

**Dear Delegates,**

**HB0142 and HB0192 – Proof of Voter Identity**

The Baltimore County Republican Party completely **SUPPORTS** HB0142 and HB0192 to require Proof of Voter Identity at Polling Places and for in-person voting.

Our vote should be as secure as our bank account. It is very easy to walk into a Polling place and give someone else's name, address, and birth date and then vote for that person and therefore stealing their vote. No one can walk into a bank and give them another person's name, address, and birth date and then withdraw money from another person's account. Our vote should be as secure as a bank account.

This is the same issue as the Mail-In-Ballot request form. No identification is needed to request a Mail-in-Ballot (unless email ballot) and can even be sent to another person's address or fax machine. Our elections are **NOT SECURE** and again should be as secure as our bank accounts.

**HB0164 – Absentee Ballot Transparency**

The Baltimore County Republican Party completely **SUPPORTS** HB0164.

Absentee Ballot Voter information should be available to the candidates. Multiple Ballots sent to addresses different than the address on the voter rolls as well as multiple ballots sent to fax machines should also be available to the public in order to help safeguard the votes, particularly since no voter identity is required to request a ballot. Local Board of Elections should be required to monitor and safeguard against multiple ballots being sent to different addresses than what is on the voter roll and fax machines.

The Mail-in-Ballot Request Form should require Proof of Voter Identify. In addition, the ability to send multiple ballots to different addresses and fax machines along with no proof of identify makes our elections **NOT SECURE** and easily open to **FRAUD**.

## **HB0202 – Signature Verification**

The Baltimore County Republican Party completely **SUPPORTS** HB0202.

Maryland law that the individual who requests an absentee ballot is the same individual who fills out the ballot and signs the ballot/envelope.

Therefore, because it is the law, it must be enforced by verifying that in fact the signature of the individual who requested the ballot matches the signature on the completed ballot/envelope.

## **PLEASE SECURE OUR ELECTIONS!!**

Thank you,

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