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TESTIMONY ON SB#/0091- POSITION: FAVORABLE

State Board of Elections - Address Confidentiality Program - Designation of Contact Person

TO: Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and members of the Education, Energy and the Environment Committee

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My name is Richard Keith Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support of SB#/0091, **State Board of Elections - Address Confidentiality Program - Designation of Contact Person**

This bill says that Maryland protects the people who need identity protection for their personal safety. It will mandate that the Secretary of State shall establish and administer an Address Confidentiality Program for survivors of threatened, attempted, or actual domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, harassment, or human trafficking.

The bill will require the State Board of Elections to designate a contact person for the Address Confidentiality Program; providing that the contact person acts as the contact for inquiries about the Program from local boards of elections and Program participants on matters related to the implementation of the Address Confidentiality Program; etc.

This contact person can ensure that the goals of the program are being met by becoming the source for information in response to inquiries from local boards of elections and from affected individuals. It is incumbent upon us to protect every voter's information from misuse.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on SB#/0091.