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The Honorable Paul Pinsky, Chair  
And Members of the Committee on  
Education, Health and Environmental Affairs  
Senate of Maryland  
Annapolis, Maryland

RE: SB 233 – Absentee Ballot Security – SUPPORT

Dear Chair Pinsky and Committee Members,

It is very important that a voter casting an absentee ballot feel confident that their ballot is received by the Board of Election and that the voter's privacy is protected. SB 233 provides that the ballot envelope not disclose important personal information that might identify the party affiliation of the voter and thereby increase the chance of damage or delay in receipt or processing the ballot. Having a process for the voter to check on the status of the receipt of their ballot can inspire confidence in the voter that their vote is actually counted.

Please give SB 233 a Favorable Report.

Sincerely,  
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## *The Senate of Maryland*

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### **Written Testimony in SUPPORT of SB 233**

Chairman and members of the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee:

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# **Senator Bryan Simonaire Testimony\_FAV.pdf**

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**Written Testimony in SUPPORT of SB 233**

Chairman and members of the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee:

I am here to introduce and voice my support for Senate Bill 233 – *Election Law – Absentee Ballots – Envelope Prohibitions, Ballot Status Information, and Signature Verification*.

Senate Bill 233 would require certain guidelines for absentee voting and provide for voter access to information concerning the status of the voter's absentee ballot or absentee ballot application; would prohibit an envelope enclosing an absentee ballot from including language or information that visibly identifies the political party affiliation of the voter; would prohibit ballot/return and return envelopes from including language or information that visibly identifies the party affiliation of the voter; etc.

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MARYLAND FEDERATION  
*of*  
Republican Women

The Honorable Paul Pinsky, Chairman, and Members, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

RE: SB 233 - FAVORABLE

Dear Senators:

On behalf of the more than 1300 members of the Maryland Federation of Republican Women (MFRW), representing citizens from across Maryland, I am writing to ask you for a Favorable Report on SB 233.

SB 233 will make some important changes to our Absentee Ballot voting. As we believe this is the best option for Mail In Voting in our State (requiring a registered voter to request a ballot as opposed to mailing ballots to every registered voter), making these improvements will make a good option even better.

A voter wants to know that his ballot, and more importantly, his vote is secure and counted. The measures outlined in SB 233 will accomplish both of those.

The ability to be able to see where in the process his ballot is will give the voter a much greater sense of security. If Amazon can let you know the status of your shipment until it arrives at your door, the Board of Election should be able to do the same with a ballot application and the ballot itself.

Signature verification is vital to ensuring that the individual who requested the ballot is the individual who voted the ballot. It is unbelievable that we do not already verify signatures on absentee ballots. Determining the best way to accomplish this is the first step to rectifying this issue and giving our mail in voters greater security in voting.

In conclusion, the members of the Maryland Federation of Republican Women strongly support SB 233 and ask for a Favorable Report.

Thank you,

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