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BILL: SB0037

BILL TITLE: Election Law - Registered Voter List Security and Electronic Signature Requirements for Petitions

BILL SPONSOR: Senator Carter

COMMITTEE: EHEA

POSITION: FAVORABLE

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TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF SB0037

Cristi Demnowicz, Chair
Represent Maryland

In the year 2021, where you can order anything you need online 24 hours a day, you can have “face-to-face conversations with people on the other side of the world, and I can give formal verbal testimony from my dining room table, this bill makes sense. Add to that the fact that we are in the midst of a viral pandemic that is projected to last at least another year-our laws and method must be updated to reflect how society is now functioning.

Electronic signatures for petitions have already been made temporarily permissible, all this bill does is make them permanent. This is a small lift with big impact and will show voters that the legislature is serious about making it easier for them to participate in the democratic process.

Please find SB0037 favorable, and bring petitioning into the 21st century.

Sincerely,
Cristi Demnowicz
Chair
Represent Maryland
Maryland Voter-LD07

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