

Jenna Griffith, Student Vote Ambassador Cohort
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Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
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Student and Military Voter Empowerment Act

POSITION: FAVORABLE

Hello, my name is Jenna Griffith and I reside in Garrett County. I am a sophomore at Frostburg State University. I would like to take this opportunity to express why this Voter Empowerment Act will benefit college students and younger generations. I would like to thank Senator Elfreth for introducing the bill.

This act will ensure that everyone is being educated on how and when to vote and given the necessary resources. The act will ensure college students like myself are well aware of the process for their first time voting.

Our country is set up in a Democracy to allow the people to have a say in their government and make changes when necessary. Many countries do not have that freedom so it is important that we use it when we see fit. As it was my first time voting in a presidential election in 2020 I was a little nervous but realized the impact I was going to make with my one vote for the future of our country. Many college students and other citizens think that their vote will not matter and simply will not vote.

From personal experience my father who was born and raised in the U.S never voted in a presidential election until 2020 because he never saw the point. He then realized that in order to make change in our legislators he needed to vote.

In conclusion students and the military should not be worried about not being educated on topics that will affect their everyday lives. I encourage everyone to vote in favor of the bill. Thank you for your time.