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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
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The Honorable Paul Pinsky, Chair and Members

Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

Re: SB 340 – Election Law – Offenses Related to Voting- Penalties

Position: Favorable

Chairman Pinsky and EHEA Committee Members:

This bill increases the penalty of a voter who knowingly and intentionally attempts or succeeds in voting more than once in an election. If an individual is in violation of voting more than once they would lose their right to vote for four years.

The intent of SB 340 is not to punish those who may unknowingly vote twice by accident or error but to target those intentionally trying to subvert our free and fair election process. In over 20 states, double voting is charged as a felony offense, while it's a misdemeanor offense subject to a fine of up to \$5,000 and/or imprisonment for up to five years in Maryland. SB340 would allow for adequate punishment of those intentionally and knowingly attempting to tamper with our free and fair election process.

I respectfully ask for a favorable vote on SB340.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jason Gallion".

Senator Jason Gallion

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