



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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