



BILL: SB0072

BILL TITLE: Open Meetings Act - Requirements for State Agencies and Local Boards of Elections
(Maryland Transparency Act of 2021)

BILL SPONSOR: Senator Kagan

COMMITTEE: EHEA

POSITION: FAVORABLE

HEARING DATE: February 2, 2021

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF SB0072

Cristi Demnowicz, Chair

Represent Maryland

Represent Maryland, a grassroots pro-democracy group that advocates at the local and state level, believes all branches of government should be transparent to the people.

Historically, executive branches at the local, state, and federal levels are non-transparent. Information is withheld from the public, and decisions are made in private by unknown players. That information and those decisions impact all citizens and voters. This is not inline with democracy.

We support all efforts to make what happens within executive agencies open to the public, and therefore support SB0072.

Sincerely,
Cristi Demnowicz, Chair
Represent Maryland
Maryland Voter-LD-07

Represent Maryland is a grassroots anti-corruption group of citizen advocates that #FightForDemocracy in Maryland. Our democracy solutions include: Public Election Funds, Independent Redistricting, Special Elections, Ranked Choice Voting, Increased Ethics and Transparency, and Increased Voter Participation.

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