

The Honorable Paul Pinsky, Chair
And Members of the Committee on
Education, Health and Environmental Affairs
Senate of Maryland
Annapolis, Maryland

RE: SB 233 – Absentee Ballot Security – SUPPORT

Dear Chair Pinsky and Committee Members,

It is very important that a voter casting an absentee ballot feel confident that their ballot is received by the Board of Election and that the voter's privacy is protected. SB 233 provides that the ballot envelope not disclose important personal information that might identify the party affiliation of the voter and thereby increase the chance of damage or delay in receipt or processing the ballot. Having a process for the voter to check on the status of the receipt of their ballot can inspire confidence in the voter that their vote is actually counted.

Please give SB 233 a Favorable Report.

Sincerely,
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