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Support - House Bill 24 - State Holidays - Primary Election Day

Health and Government Operations Committee

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Chair Pendergrass, Vice Chair Pena-Melnyk and members of the Committee, it is my pleasure to provide testimony in support of **House Bill 24 - State Holidays - Primary Election Day**. I would like to thank Delegate Ivey for introducing this legislation.

Encouraging our incredible state employees to participate in our election process is a very worthy cause. State employees are already given the day off for the general election, and I believe we should also give them the day off for the primary election. Participating in a primary election is important for Democratic, Republican and Unaffiliated voters alike.

For the reasons stated above, I respectfully request a **favorable report** for House Bill 24. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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