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The Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass
Health & Government Operations Committee
Room 241, House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Letter of Support for House Bill 300 Entitled "Commemorative Days-Maryland Voting Equity Reform Day"

Dear Delegate Pendergrass, Chair and Committee Members:

On behalf of the Dorchester County Council, I respectfully offer its support for House Bill 300 entitled "Commemorative Days-Maryland Voting Equity Reform Day" which will establish a Maryland Voting Equity Reform Day.

Dorchester County, and more specifically the northern area, is the Birthplace of Maryland Voter Reform. Due to the efforts of the following local men the Maryland Constitution was amended to provide equity to all citizens in the State of Maryland in local elections: George C. Jones, Don W. Bradley, Richard Harding, Edward Conway, Leon Medford, Charles F. Hurley, Sr., Oliver Harding, William Reid, William O. Corkran and Gregory Meekins. Currently the only monument that memorializes their actions is located in Dorchester County. The County Council believes that the State should also recognize their efforts which lead to statewide voter reform and supports the establishment of a Maryland Voting Equity Reform Day. We ask that you do the same and look favorably upon House Bill 300.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this letter of support. Please contact the Council's Office at (410) 228-1700 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL

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cc: The Honorable Adelaide Eckardt, Senator
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