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Testimony in support of House Bill 123

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Election law elections by mail

Honorable chairperson members of the committee The Arc Maryland Marilyn's largest grassroots advocacy provider for those with intellectual/and or Developmental disabilities is pleased to provide testimony in support of this legislation which would allow Marylanders to cast their ballots by mail; this is a positive step forward in ensuring the enfranchisement not only of Marylanders in general but people with disabilities, and those who support them in particular; people with disabilities often times have difficulty in accessing the polling place be that because of transportation related issues or simply because they cannot wait in line for one reason or another, for many Marylanders in general while voting may be important to them it is often time-consuming making it difficult for those with families or other obligations to exercise their most fundamental constitutional right. This legislation will if past encourage more participation allow for flexibility and eliminate barriers for so many when voting. For these reasons we recommend a favorable report

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