

My name is Daryl Hinmon. I am the owner and head coach of the Knowledge Boxing Center located on Great Mills Road in Lexington Park, Maryland. At Knowledge Boxing we help everyday citizens conquer anxiety, obesity, low self-esteem, depression and we empower them. We also teach athletes how to compete and win amateur and professional fights.

Now, there are two ways to win a fight. You can knock your opponent out or you can win a decision rendered by three judges who sit ringside. The judges are present, attentive to the action, fully aware and fully immersed in the environment and the culture of the sport. They have a close connection and understanding of the boxing world. The decisions they make have a direct impact on everyone involved. Most importantly, they have direct influence on who wins and who loses and all the benefits and consequences that come along with winning and losing.

Now, imagine you are a boxer and the judges that have direct influence on your fate were not sitting ringside, they were not in the first-row seats, they were not in the nosebleed seats, they were not even in the arena. They were 30 miles away from the action yet still played a significant role in your success.

And that's why I support this bill. Just like fighters, the citizens of St. Mary's County need judges or politicians that are in the arena, present, accountable, and paying close attention to the action. They need politicians who are intimately familiar with the environment, culture and challenges offered by that particular area so the citizens can have a fair shake at being successful. And this is not a knock on the current Commissioners who are doing a fine job, it's just logical and what makes sense. This bill will allow the people of an area to pick a Commissioner who they feel best relates to their experiences, will best serve their needs and give them the greatest chance to win the fight of life. It will allow voters to pick politicians that are closest to the action, that relate to the culture and have an intimate understanding of what's going on and what needs to be done in order to ensure the success of the community.

