



BILL: HB0057

BILL TITLE: Voters' Rights Protection Act of 2020

BILL SPONSOR: Del Rosenberg

COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

POSITION: Favorable

January 26, 2021

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF HB0057

Cristi Demnowicz, Chair

Represent Maryland

Honorable Chair Kaiser, Vice Chair Washington and members of the committee,

Represent Maryland, a grassroots, non-partisan pro-democracy group, is in support of HB0057. Although this is a big bill with a lot of changes, they are all needed to ensure secure, free, and fair elections in Maryland. Maryland voters deserve an easy and safe voting experience, and this legislature should do everything it can to make that happen.

HB0057 addresses several areas of concern including broadcast misleading information, voter suppression, and voter intimidation.

It's a shame that there are people in this country who actively attempt to block others from exercising their right to vote. And it's a bigger shame when these people make their way into volunteer positions, boards, and worst of all, legislatures. Prohibiting behaviors that are meant to intimidate, confuse, or mislead voters must be codified into Maryland law in order to reduce the ways in which they can harm our democracy. We respectfully ask for a favorable report on HB0057.

Sincerely,
Cristi Demnowicz
Chair
Represent Maryland
Maryland Voter-LD07

Represent Maryland is a grassroots anti-corruption group of citizen advocates that #FightForDemocracy in Maryland. Our democracy solutions include: Public Election Funds, Independent Redistricting, Special Elections, Ranked Choice Voting, Increased Ethics and Transparency, and Increased Voter Participation.

Cristi@RepresentMaryland.org

Authorized by Represent Maryland PAC, T Miller, Treasurer
www.RepresentMaryland.org