

Delegate Vanessa E. Atterbeary, Chair
and Members of The Ways and Means Committee
Maryland House Of Delegates
Annapolis, MD

RE: HB 428-Election Law- Foreign Manufacture of Election Systems- **SUPPORT**

Dear Chairperson Atterbeary and Members of The Committee,

In order to maintain election integrity, it is NOT in the best interest of Marylanders, or the residents of any given state, to utilize foreign manufactured voting machines. The use of foreign manufactured election/voting machines and tabulators open the possibility of foreign government and cyber terrorists to be able to format voting machines or other technology to disrupt or change the votes during an election. In turn, this would negate Marylanders' (and the majority of Americans') confidence of a free and fair election. According to PBS News Hour/NPR/Marist Poll (November 1,2021), 81% of adult Americans feel that a serious threat to our Democracy exists. Foreign manufactured voting equipment would bolster this statistic.

Therefore, I ask that you return a FAVORABLE report for HB 428.

Thank you for your time,
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