

**BILL: HB0320** 

BILL TITLE: General Assembly - Residency Requirement - Enforcement - Factors

BILL SPONSOR: Delegate Wilkins COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

POSITION: FAVORABLE HEARING DATE: 2/8/22

## **TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF HB0320**

Represent Maryland is a grassroots, all volunteer group of voters who believe in democracy and oppose corruption. We believe that for good and democratic government, elected officials should be a part of the communities they represent. For that reason, we support this legislation as it clarifies what should be considered to define legislator and candidate residency. Most importantly, it requires an annual review for compliance, which will increase accountability for legislators. Thus, we urge a favorable report for SB0320.

Sincerely, Ben Tabatabai, Member Represent Maryland Maryland Voter-LD07

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