

Delegate vanessa E. Atterbeary, Chair  
And members of The Ways and Means Committee  
Maryland State House of Delegates  
Annapolis, MD

RE: HB 963- Election Law- Absentee Ballots- Signature Verification and Verification Statements and  
Unsigned Ballot Statements- **SUPPORT**

Dear Chair, Atterbeary and Members of The Committee,

Signature verification of Absentee Ballots is a critical part of ensuring election integrity; the lack thereof invites fraudulent activity, thereby compromising the integrity of a fair election. HB 963 provides ample opportunity for cases of unverifiable signature(s) to be rectified and therefore, votes counted; or discarded if not rectified within the specified time, and not counted.

I ask that you vote a FAVORABLE report for HB 963.

Thank you for your time,

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