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BILL NUMBER: HB0212

BILL TITLE: Election Law - Signature Verification of Absentee Ballots and Absentee Ballot Applications and Ballot Canvassing

BILL SPONSOR: Delegate Neil Parrott

POSITION: UNFAVORABLE

February 1, 2022

Honorable Chairwoman Vanessa Atterbeary, Vice-Chairman Alonzo Washington, and Ways and Means Committee Members:

Represent Maryland does not support this unnecessary signature verification process for absentee ballots, absentee ballot applications, and ballot canvassing. The current absentee ballot verification process went smoothly in 2020, despite a global pandemic. There were no reports of widespread fraud or irregularities in Maryland.

We believe in making voting easier for all legal voters, not harder. The current system works and should remain as it is, so we ask the committee to find this bill unfavorable.

Sincerely,

Justin Gallardo, Volunteer

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