## **Testimony in Support of HB1112**

## "Election Law – Registered Voter List and Petitions (Ballot Petition Modernization Act)"

House Ways and Means Committee March 7, 2022

## FAVORABLE

TO: Chair Atterbeary, Vice Chair Wilkins, and members of the Ways and Means Committee

FROM: Daniel Golombek

My name is Daniel Golombek I am a resident of District 11B. I am submitting this testimony *in support of HB 1112*, which will require the State Board of Elections to adopt procedures for the collection of electronic signatures on ballot petitions, and regulations for the secure storage and use of voter data and of the registered voter list.

In the 21<sup>st</sup> century we have the technology to allow all of us to more easily participate in the democratic process, even if we work, have a disability, or need to attend to daily responsibilities that impose limits on our time and access. This bill will allow the collection of signatures in electronic form instead of with paper and ink. The internet has dramatically changed our lives in the ways we connect with each other and conduct business. It is time it is used to broaden how all our voices are heard as well.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on HB 1112.

Thank you, Daniel Golombek 51 Southwark Bridge Way, Lutherville, MD 21093 dannygolombek@gmail.com