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Senator Brian J. Feldman, Chair
Maryland House Ways and Means Committee
Room 131, House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

RE: S329 - Favorable

Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and Committee Members:

My name is Katherine Berry. I am the Election Director in Carroll County and here today to speak on behalf of the Carroll County Board Members as it pertains to SB329 - Election Law - Casting General Election Ballot in Multiple States - Prohibition.

This bill is related to a voter in our county who cast ballots in both West Virginia and Carroll County many years ago. The voter believed that they were allowed to do so because the two ballots did not have the same contests, and they did not think they were voting for any contest twice. The person was convicted of double-voting in West Virginia, but Maryland does not have any provision regarding such an issue.

The purpose of this bill is to make it clear that casting two ballots in a situation like this is not acceptable, even if the ballots have completely different contests. The language of the bill directly addresses this issue to ensure there is no confusion in the future.

We appreciate Senator Ready's efforts to put forth this bill again on behalf of the members of the Carroll County Board. Thank you for your time and we look forward to your positive report. If you have any questions, please contact me at (410)386-2958 or Katherine.berry@maryland.gov.

