

# **SB 567 Voter ID Written Testimony 14 March 2023.pd**

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Position: FAV

Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

Favorable

Amy Waychoff

Montgomery County, LD 18

Dear members of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee,

My name is Amy Waychoff and I have lived in Montgomery County for over 35 years. I am writing to show my strong support for SB 567, Elections - In-Person Voting - Proof of Identity. Voting is a sacred duty for citizens of the United States. To do so, they should be proud to present a valid government-issued photo identification. It is insulting to minorities to assume they might not have access to a photo ID, since most everyone carries a driver's license or MVA-issued photo identification card in their wallet. They use them to prove they are old enough to buy cigarettes or alcohol. They carry them when they are driving a car or flying in an airplane. How hard is it to bring their ID to the voting site on election day?

Ensuring that the person who appears at the polling place is, in fact, the voter whose name is on the registration record is also a sacred duty. Having the election official see the photo ID not only aids in preventing fraudulent voting, it also avoids mistakes that can take place when a person states their name.

Most importantly, this process prevents the possibility of a person in the country illegally from voting. When non-citizens vote, it negates the vote of a citizen. This is unacceptable.

The bill also provides several reasonable accommodations for a voter who does not possess a government-issued photo ID, including use of a non-government-issued photo ID along with a utility bill or other document that states the voter's name and address. The bill also provides that if the person does not have a photo-identification, they can vote a provisional ballot.

All polls show that an overwhelming majority of Americans support Voter ID.

I therefore respectfully request a favorable report on SB 567.

## **HB 35.pdf**

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## HB 035

Election Integrity is deeply distrusted and voter ID will help to alleviate some of the mistrust. Due to growing non-partisan distrust in our election system, the identification of numerous apparent voting anomalies in the State of Maryland, and the documented issues pertaining to voting nationwide<sup>1,2</sup>, Over 60% of all Americans have lost Faith in our Elections.

Polls continue to show that low voter confidence is non-partisan and it is not getting any better. Waiting for and instructing citizens to “get over it” will most likely never happen. To compound very low confidence, we are hearing more voters state they are not going to vote because they believe their vote doesn’t matter. In fact, recent Rasmussen polls<sup>3</sup> show the severity of the issue:

- Widespread Cheating will affect Nov 2022 Election (7/7/2022) – 50% believe
- Election Integrity (8/8/2022) – 80% Concerned, 59% Very Concerned
- Election Cheating (8/22/2022) – 75% Concerned, 60% Very Concerned

From a Board of Elections perspective the 2022 turnout statistics were very disappointing. Even with all the accommodations of extended voting days and hours and a massive push for mail in voting, turnout was 16.6% lower than the 2018 Gubernatorial election. Clearly these accommodations are not inspiring more Marylanders to make their voice heard via voting! In my opinion a lack of trust in the voting system is a significant factor driving these results.

Below are the high level statewide and Anne Arundel county statistics. Two points, 1) Republican turnout decreased the least (both statewide and county) and 2) even with overwhelming mail-in ballot use by Democrats, total Republican turnout exceeded Democrat turnout by several points. Further demonstrating the bi-partisan distrust of our electoral system.

Turnout			
Statewide	2018	2022	% Chg
Total	59.06%	49.26%	-16.59%
DEM	61.53%	50.81%	-17.42%
REP	63.45%	57.60%	-9.22%
UNF	46.41%	36.64%	-21.05%

AA County			
Total	60.10%	53.69%	-10.67%
DEM	63.80%	56.52%	-11.41%
REP	63.63%	59.58%	-6.36%

UNF                      47.83%   41.80%   -12.61%

This low voter confidence played out in the 2023 General election.

I was part of a group of concerned citizens who identified numerous apparent anomalies after 1) analyzing data from the 2020 General and the 2022 Primary elections and 2) canvassing 2020 General election voters in Crofton, Pasadena, and Severna Park in August 2022. A subset of the anomalies identified is included below:

- There are 1,242 recorded 2020 General election votes in Anne Arundel County for voters who have moved according to the U.S. Post Office National Change of Address (NCOA) database. 11,889 in the State
- There are 8,077 voters labeled as inactive after they voted in the 2020 General Election<sup>4</sup>. 73,949 in the State
- There are 520 addresses who have voters with the same date of birth and same address who voted in the 2020 General Election<sup>5</sup>. 5,313 in the state. Twins/Triplets that still live together?
- The number of 2022 Primary voters reported by the Secretary of State<sup>6</sup> (AA: 90,413 / State: 966,228) do not match the number of 2022 Primary voters identified in the Maryland State Board of Elections Voter rolls<sup>7</sup> (AA: 91,242 / State: 1,033,425)

Another issue creating distrust of elections is the voter roll discrepancies. Registration numbers for Anne Arundel County fluctuate and differ from the state reported registration numbers tremendously.

The total Anne Arundel County registered voters listed on the 11/22/2022 Gubernatorial General Election on November 8 is listed as 406,492.

The total Anne Arundel County registered voters from the Precinct Voter Counts Report dated 11/30/2022 listed as 413,286.

October 31, 2022 is 411,972 reported by Anne Arundel County.

November 8, 2022 is 406,492 reported by the state.

November 30, 2022 is 413,342 reported by Anne Arundel County.

They use the same data set as a source, why is there such a large discrepancy of 5,480 between October 31 and November 8 and 6,794 between November 8 and November 30?

The county and state board of elections have been asked these questions.

The monthly registrations numbers are found here:

<https://www.aacounty.org/boards-and-commissions/board-of-elections/voter-registration-statistics/>

The 2022 election results are found here:

[https://www.aacounty.org/boards-and-commissions/board-of-elections/election-results/Election%20Results/GG22\\_Election\\_Summary\\_OFFICIAL.pdf](https://www.aacounty.org/boards-and-commissions/board-of-elections/election-results/Election%20Results/GG22_Election_Summary_OFFICIAL.pdf)

Notes:

1. Williamson County, TN, Rumble: <https://tinyurl.com/mudz5u8e>
2. Dekalb County GA, Rumble: <https://tinyurl.com/5n8mdj7n>
3. Rasmussen Reports, <https://www.rasmussenreports.com>
4. 07/2022 Maryland State Voter Info Snapshot
5. 12/2021 Maryland State Voter Info Snapshot
6. Anne Arundel 2022 Gubernatorial Primary Election Summary Report, <https://tinyurl.com/bdz42tr6>
7. 08/2022 Maryland State Voter Info Snapshot

# **Voter ID testimony 2023.pdf**

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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB567 AND SB750**  
**ELECTIONS – IN-PERSON VOTING - PROOF OF IDENTITY**

**MARCH 14, 2023**  
**SENATE EEE COMMITTEE**

**Debbie Yatsuk**  
**Annapolis, MD**

Dear Committee Members,

I am reaching out to you, as leaders, to reinstate a simple request that would greatly restore integrity, or the perception of integrity, to our election process. That is the showing of a photo identification card when you go to vote.

As a long-time voter and an election judge, many people still want to show a personal ID card. As you are aware, gone are the days when people don't have one as over the years they have become easier to obtain, and required for more transactions. It is in the best interest of people to have a photo ID for many reasons, such as being identified if injured or for proving who you are for travel, legal, financial or property transactions.

I have not heard of this being a reason for people not voting in MD for many years. Yet, people still do not vote. We have offered no-excuse absentee ballots, early voting, expanded early voting and now mail-in voting. Yet people still do not vote. I don't think the problem is lack of an ID card.

Since over the years the General Assembly has reduced or eliminated the cost of getting a photo ID, this would help election judges confirm identity, and it is in the best interest of a person to have one for their own needs, I, and many, many others (from all parties and persuasions) request your support of these common sense, low cost, easy to implement bills.

Please re-institute this small request that will reap huge rewards by eliminating a cause for concern in our election process.

Thank you very much.

# **SB0567-2023 Voter ID final.pdf**

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The Honorable Brian Feldman, Chairman  
and Members of the Committee on  
Education, Energy and Environment  
Senate of Maryland  
Annapolis, Maryland

RE: **SB 567** Elections--In-Person Voting – Proof of Identity – **FAVORABLE**

Dear Chairman Feldman and Members,

The 1,426 members of the Maryland Federation of Republican Women most strongly support SB 567 to require proof of identity for in-person voting in all elections.

The right to vote is one of Americans' most precious rights. Ensuring that the person who appears at the polling place is, in fact, the voter whose name is on the registration record is a sacred duty. The most reliable method of ensuring that the person voting is the registered voter in the poll book is to show a valid government-issued photo identification. Having the election official see the photo ID not only aids in preventing fraudulent voting, it also avoids mistakes that can take place when a person states their name. It reduces the chance that the wrong voter could be checked off on the poll book when the election official can both see the ID and hear the voter state their name and address.

Every citizen should be able to secure a valid government-issued photo identification. The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration issues photo identification cards for individuals who do not have a driver's license. SB 567 also provides several reasonable accommodations for a voter who does not possess a government-issued photo ID, including use of a non-government-issued photo ID along with a utility bill or other document that states the voter's name and address. The bill also provides that if the person does not have a photo-identification, they can vote a provisional ballot.

It is important that only citizens register and vote in our elections. When non-citizens vote, it negates the vote of a citizen. This is unacceptable. All citizens should be able to register to vote and to have their vote counted. Polls show that an overwhelming majority of Americans support Voter ID.

Please give a **FAVORABLE** report to **SB 567**.

Sincerely,  
Ella Ennis  
Legislative Chairman  
Maryland Federation of Republican Women



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## **Inn Person Voting**

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**Witness:** Jean Miceli Benhoff  
**Jurisdiction:** Baltimore County  
**Bills:** SB 750 and SB 567  
**Position:** FAVORABLE SUPPORT

February 23, 2023

## **Why the 2020 Election was Unverifiable**

By **Joe Fried**

Joe Biden acquired his job through a legal process. However, he did not earn enough *verifiable* votes to justify the certifications in six key swing states. This issue is addressed in [my new book](#), but here is some of my reasoning. I have limited myself to one example of unverifiable votes for each of those swing states.

### **Arizona**

At an Arizona Senate Committee hearing on January 24, 2022, we learned that *precisely 95 percent* of Maricopa County overseas military members (and their families) voted for Joe Biden. That is an amazing (as in *phony*) percentage, given that the overall county-wide vote was fairly even between Biden and Trump (51 to 49%). Winning the military vote in Maricopa County with a 90 percent margin strongly suggests the likelihood of fraud.

The findings were presented at the Committee hearing by Paul Harris, a corporate executive who had been asked to conduct the review during the Cyber Ninjas audit. These are key points from the presentation. (See [video @ 1:53](#).)

- The “ballots” were simply unsourced sheets of copy paper.
- The number of ballots had jumped dramatically, from 1,600 in 2016 to 9,600 in 2020.
- Exactly 95 percent of the votes were for Joe Biden. Harris estimated that these copy paper ballots provided 8,000 net votes to Biden, who ostensibly won the state by just over 10,000 votes.

Paul Harris analyzed *just one county*. In Pima County, a witness named Kathleen Alby testified that “*thousands*” of “military faxes” were processed: “At one point that’s all that they were processing were the faxed ones.” And, as in Maricopa County, there was no chain-of-custody documentation. (See [video at 8:32](#).)

### **Georgia**

Garland Favorito is the head of VoterGA.org, and has a forty-year background in information technology. In a detailed press conference, Favorito and his cyber experts itemized fifteen categories of ballot irregularities found during their analysis of ballot images acquired from Fulton County, Georgia. (See [video @ 27:00](#).)

The number of unsupportable ballots found for this one county is *forty-five times larger* than Biden's margin of victory for the entire state. Here are just five of the 15 findings:

1. Although it takes one second to scan a ballot, there are over 4,000 ballots with precisely the same timestamp -- to the second. Not possible.
2. 16,034 mail-in ballot authentication (sha) files were added several days after scanning. Also impossible.
3. There are no ballot images to support 17,724 final certified recount presidential votes.
4. There are no images to support 374,128 "certified" in-person votes, which is a violation of both federal and Georgia law.
5. 132,284 mail-in ballot images have no authentication files.

## Michigan

Before the 2020 election, the Michigan Secretary of State, Jocelyn Benson, implemented an illegal procedure that seriously undermined the integrity of the election.

[Benson announced](#) that all signatures would be *presumptively valid* -- even if they were only slightly similar to registration signatures. The announcement was, effectively, an invitation to fraudsters to grab all the unused ballot applications they could find or buy; and fill them out and send them in.

Trump opposed Benson's new procedure, and he ended up winning in court -- *four months after the election*. In March, 2021, State Court of Claims [Judge Christopher Murray](#): "Nowhere in this state's election law has the Legislature indicated that signatures are to be presumed valid..."

By using an illegal standard for processing of signatures, and by announcing that new standard in advance so that fraudsters could exploit it, Benson effectively invalidated the Michigan election certification.

## Nevada

Three months before the 2020 election, the Democrat administration in Nevada passed a law that gutted election controls, and made the 2020 election impossible to certify with credibility.

Under the new Nevada law, all registered voters are automatically mailed ballots (not just applications). In 2020, this created mountains of unused ballots because lots of registered voters are not interested in voting, are not necessarily citizens, may have already moved to a new location, or are already "living" in the city cemetery.

Jay Greenberg, a journalist with [NeonNettle.com News](#), reported that thousands of ballots were being mailed to inactive voters in Democrat Clark County: "The vote-by-mail envelopes are piling up in post office trays, outside apartment complexes, and on community bulletin boards in and around Las Vegas."

[Jenny Trobiani](#), a Clark County postal worker, wondered: "What's going to happen with these things, they're not secured at all and there are thousands of them just sitting here? This just seems fraudulent to me, something stinks here."

How hard was it to cheat in the 2020 Nevada election? In Clark County you just had to walk into any large apartment building, go to the mailbox area, scoop up a handful of ballots, sign them, and mail them in. There was no ID required, and it was very hard to fail a signature test in Nevada. That is still true today.

The new Nevada law, coupled with its lack of an ID requirement, made the 2020 election unverifiable.

## **Pennsylvania**

When the Pennsylvania Secretary of the Commonwealth certified the election on November 24, 2020, there were 202,377 more ballots cast than the number of people shown to have voted. This irrefutable fact is one of several reasons many Pennsylvania legislators wanted Vice President Mike Pence to delay counting the electoral votes on January 6, 2021.

On December 28, 2020 (well before the January 6<sup>th</sup> debacle), Pennsylvania Representative Frank Ryan issued a [lengthy statement](#) on behalf of himself and 16 other PA legislators. It had this title: “Numbers Don’t Add Up, Certification of Presidential Results Premature and in Error.”

A reading of the Pennsylvania Code (25 PA. Stat. §3154) suggests that the certification may have violated Commonwealth law. The statute states that, if there is a significant unidentified excess of votes cast over persons who voted, there must be an investigation before the votes are recorded.

There was no investigation. A spokesperson for the Pennsylvania secretary simply noted that four counties had not yet submitted their voter information.

Months after the election, the slowpoke counties finally submitted their voter information, and there no longer was a discrepancy of 202,377 votes. However, the remaining excess of ballots over voters was (and is) over 90,000, and that number exceeds Biden’s winning margin of 81,000 votes.

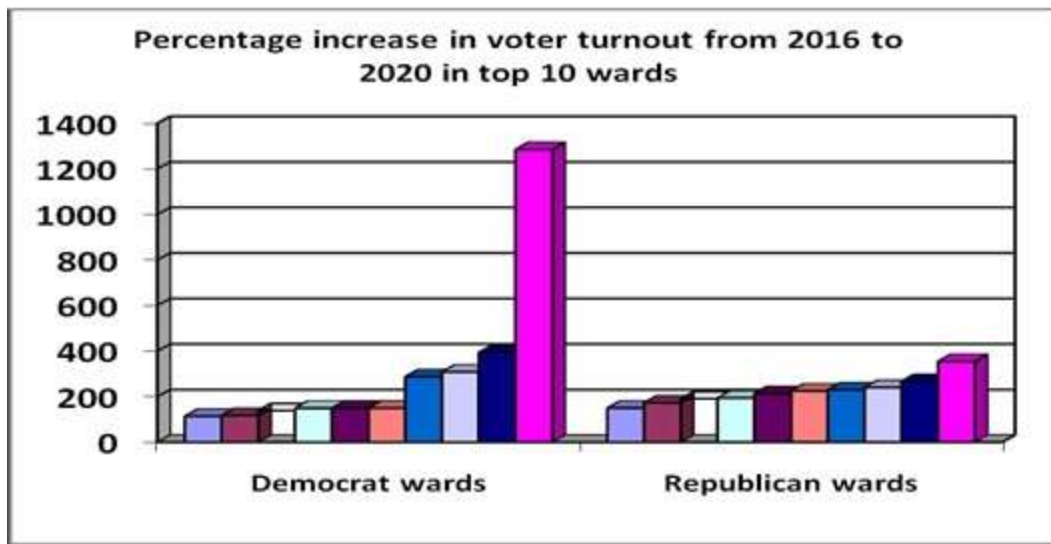
In other words, it is likely that the election was and remains illegal under Pennsylvania law, and unverifiable under any credible audit standard.

## **Wisconsin**

In an effort to spot possible irregularities, the Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty did a statistical analysis of the top ten voter turnout changes for Republican wards and Democrat wards. (See [link @ pg. 78.](#)) I have displayed the results graphically in Figure 1.

*Figure 1: Percentage increase in voter turnout 2016 to 2020*





The very tall column to the right side of the Democrat wards is Madison Ward 124, and in some amazing way the *voter turnout increased in that ward by 1,285 percent*. That very unnatural increase could explain why Madison refused to provide ballot access to post-election auditors. (See [link @ pg. 7.](#))

The sharp increase in Madison's voter turnout could be due to incredible voter enthusiasm. But more likely, it is due to the 200 drop boxes that were placed in the Democrat stronghold for special voting days called "Democracy in the Park" (a two-day, Biden-promoted event of very questionable legality).

The Ward 124 anomaly has never been investigated.

## Conclusion

Joe Biden is the *legally*-elected President of the United States. However, I believe he won several swing state elections that would not be certifiable if our elections were administered with credible election standards.

[Joe Fried](#) is an Ohio-based CPA who has performed and reviewed hundreds of certified financial audits. He is the author of the new book, [Debunked? An auditor reviews the 2020 election—and the lessons learned](#) ([Republic Book Publishers](#), 2022). It explains why the certifications of six swing state elections were premature.

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# **Senate Bill 567 Voter ID.pdf**

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My name is Jolie McShane, resident of Baltimore County testifying in favor of Senate Bill #567

A recent trip to the American Red Cross to donate blood, a valid driver license was required. My license had to be fed into a fancy card reader. If I refused to submit my driver's license, I could not donate blood. For those who want to donate plasma to make extra money but do not have a drivers license...let me ask you are they being discriminated against? And certainly, they are not being treated equally!

How about those who would like to fly on a plane? Purchase alcohol, rent a hotel room, as you know the list goes on and on. Everywhere we turn, identification is required.

I am embarrassed to be from a state that allows voting to take place without voter identification. As an election judge I cannot tell if someone is lying about their name, address and birthdate. By Maryland standards a person can obtain the voter rolls and go from voting precinct to precinct and be someone different at each place. This is truly not an equitable situation for us voters.

Those against VOTER ID, will you chase down the Maryland Department of Transportation that will be mandating A "REAL ID" to board an airplane by May 2025? Not entirely sure what we are using now, just saying...

Our legislators need to do everything possible to insure voter confidence in our elections. Prior testimonies have proven that voter identification requirements increase voter turnout. Voter ID requirements are fair and equitable treatment for all voters.

# **SB532VoterIDTestimony (1).pdf**

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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

March 14, 2023

**SB 567 – Elections – In Person Voting – Proof of Identity**

Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and members of the Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee,

Senate Bill 567 is common sense legislation that would require voter ID but expands the types of identification that can be used.

One of the main concerns expressed about requiring voter ID is that there are individuals do not possess a government-issued ID. Senate Bill 567 deals with this by including a utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government-issued document; a voter notification card; or the sample ballot mailed to the voter by a local board.

There are now 35 states that request or require ID to vote<sup>i</sup>. In our one-person-one-vote system, having intentional but reasonable security measures instills confidence in the sanctity of our votes and our system of government. There have been many cases in which people registered in multiple states vote multiple times, cases in which deceased voter cast a ballot, or is a non-citizen. Senate Bill 567 will give voters the confidence that all who vote do so legally.

I respectfully request a favorable on Senate Bill 567.

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<sup>i</sup> National Conference of State Legislatures. *Voter ID Laws*. 2022. [Voter ID Laws \(ncsl.org\)](https://www.ncsl.org/voter-id-laws)

# **SB567Favorable3-13-23.pdf**

Uploaded by: Paul Jarosinski

Position: FAV

## **SB 567**

Every legal resident of the USA, both Democrats and Republicans, should want to maximize election integrity so there is no doubt about the reported results of our elections. There is no longer any excuse for not maximizing the integrity of our elections. I urge a favorable vote on this legislation.

Paul Jarosinski,  
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Registered Democrat

# **SB0567\_SP\_FAV.pdf**

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Position: FAV



Senator Brian J Feldman, Chair  
and Members of the Education, Energy and Environment Committee  
Maryland State Senate  
Annapolis, MD

RE: SB0567-Elections-In Person Voting-Proof of Identity- FAVORABLE

Dear Chairman Feldman and Members of the EEE Committee,

As I am sure you are all well aware, recent polls have indicated that Marylanders' faith and confidence in fair elections has plummeted since 2020. I am strongly urging you to render a FAVORABLE report for SB0567. The provisions of this bill put in place some of the necessary safeguards to preserve election integrity and, once again, instill faith and confidence in fair election results.

If you think about it, proof of identity is required for many activities performed throughout the state; purchasing alcohol, cigarettes, or gun; applying for welfare, food stamps or unemployment, and the list doesn't stop with these few examples. So, it would make sense that if undeniable proof of identity is required for these activities, as well as activities too numerous to mention here, undeniable proof of identity should be required of all Marylanders in order to cast a legitimate vote in a local, state, or federal election.

Therefore, I am asking that you return a FAVORABLE report for SB0567.

Thank you for your time.

Sarah Price  
Westernport, MD (Allegany County)

## **SUPPORT SB0567 .pdf**

Uploaded by: Suzanne Duffy

Position: FAV

SUPPORT SB0567 Senator Ready  
Elections - In-Person Voting - Proof of Identity

PLEASE SUPPORT And VOTE in FAVOR of SB0567

Our Vote is one of the most sacred acts of our Constitutional Rights as an American citizen and ONLY an American citizen. I don't want the CCP or other nefarious groups voting for control and influence in our country, because it is ALREADY happening.

Please refer to:

Twenty-Sixth Amendment

Section 1:

*The **right of citizens of the United States**, who are eighteen years of age or older, to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of age.*

Section 2:

*The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.*

In extending the Voting Rights Act of 1965 in 1970,<sup>1</sup> Congress included a provision lowering the age qualification to vote in all elections, federal, state, and local, to eighteen.<sup>2</sup> In a divided decision, the Supreme Court held that Congress was empowered to lower the age qualification in federal elections, but voided the application of the provision in all other elections as beyond congressional power.<sup>3</sup> Confronted thus with the possibility that they might have to maintain two sets of registration books and go to the expense of running separate election systems for federal elections and for all other elections, the states were receptive to the proposing of an Amendment by Congress to establish a minimum age qualification at eighteen for all elections, and ratified it promptly.<sup>4</sup>

# THINGS THAT REQUIRE VALID ID

- Driving
- Boarding an Airplane
- Doctor's Office/ Hospital
- When applying for a Job
- Pharmacy
- Bank Transactions
- Applying To School
- Applying for Store Credit
- Establish a Utilities Account (Water/Light)
- Purchasing a Car
- Car Registration
- Outpatient Testing
- Medicare/Medicaid
- Open a Retirement Account
- Donate Blood
- Buy a Firearm
- Social Security Services
- Pawn Shops
- Writing a Check
- Using a Credit Card
- Buying Car Insurance
- Buying Train Tickets
- Buying Annual Tickets to Amusement Parks
- Volunteer at Non-Prophet Orgs.
- Check Out a Book/Library
- Applying for a Professional License
- Buy a House
- Apartment Rental Applications

## BUT NO ID NECESSARY TO VOTE

You can STOP this infiltration of our American Voting System. As someone who has personally worked the last 2 election cycles as a POLL Watcher & Challenger and investigator, we have learned first hand that our elections are NOT safe and secure. Let's not get into all of the 3rd party vendors that are creating other major issues right now., but we can require a simple and reasonable action of a required show of personal identification, WE ALL HAVE ONE.

VOTE YES to protect an United State's Citizen of Maryland ONLY right to vote with a valid ID, VOTE for an in-person valid photo ID to Vote, PLEASE SUPPORT SB0567

Thank you for a major step in securing Maryland's elections.

Annapolis, Maryland  
Anne Arundel Co  
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## **02.22.23 SB 0567 LOS Joint.pdf**

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February 22, 2023

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RE: SB 0567 – Elections – In Person Voting – Proof of Identity  
Letter of Support

Dear Chairman Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan and Members of the Education, Energy and the Environment Committee:

The County Council and the County Executive of Cecil County unanimously support SB 0567 Elections – In Person Voting – Proof of Identity. The hearing on this legislation is scheduled on March 14, 2023.

It is our understanding that this legislation requires an election judge to establish a voter's identity by requiring the voter to present a valid government-issued photo identification or a valid nongovernment-issued photo identification, and a current bill, statement or check that states the voter's name and address as proof of identity; requiring a voter to vote a provisional ballot if the voter is unable to provide certain proof of identity; and prohibiting a person from knowingly and willfully voting or attempting to vote under a false form of identification.

Maintaining the integrity of our election system is of the utmost importance to all our citizens. Cecil County strongly supports this legislation and will be able to implement these changes once passed.

The County Executive and County Council of Cecil County respectfully request that the Education, Energy and Environment Committee send a favorable report on SB 0567.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Hornberger".

Danielle Hornberger  
County Executive

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jackie Gregory".

Jackie Gregory  
President of County Council

# **Testimony - SB0567.pdf**

Uploaded by: Will Zwart

Position: FAV

Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman and committee members,

I would like to talk to you about Russia and Ukraine, but first, I want to ask you a question:

When you walked into the building this morning, did you have to show your I.D.?

The answer, of course, is, “yes,” but why? To show that you have a right to participate in the civil process. Entering a government building is just one of the numerous places that a valid I.D. is required. I have a list here of 76 such places, and before everybody runs away, no, I’m not going to read the whole thing.

## When Valid IDs Are REQUIRED:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Driving</li><li>• Boarding an Airplane</li><li>• Purchasing a Car</li><li>• Getting a Car Registration</li><li>• Renting a Car / Boat / Jet Ski / etc.</li><li>• Buying Insurance</li><li>• Buying Train Tickets</li><li>• Obtaining a Passport</li><li>• Picking up mail from FedEx, UPS, Post Office, etc.</li><li>• Renting Tools / Furniture / Equipment</li><li>• Visiting a Doctor's Office / Hospital</li><li>• Getting Outpatient Testing</li><li>• Donating Blood</li><li>• Getting a Prescription</li><li>• Buying Certain OTC Cold Medications, and products like nail polish remover</li><li>• Applying for a Job</li><li>• Applying to School</li><li>• Applying for a Professional License</li><li>• Getting Married</li><li>• Check Out a Book from the Library</li><li>• Joining the Military</li><li>• Adopting a Child</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Transacting with a Bank</li><li>• Sending a Wire Transfer</li><li>• Applying for Online Banking</li><li>• Applying for Store Credit</li><li>• Establishing a Utilities Account (Water / Light / Electric / Cable / Gas / etc.)</li><li>• Cashing a Check</li><li>• Getting a Credit Card</li><li>• Opening a Retirement Account</li><li>• Applying for a Mortgage</li><li>• Buying a House</li><li>• Applying for Apartment Rentals</li><li>• Renting a Hotel Room</li><li>• Buying a Cell Phone</li><li>• Going to Court</li><li>• Entering Federal Buildings</li><li>• Getting a Business License</li><li>• Getting a State ID</li><li>• Cashing In a Large Lottery Ticket Win</li><li>• Obtaining Medicare / Medicaid</li><li>• Applying for Food Stamps</li><li>• Applying for Welfare</li><li>• Applying for Unemployment</li><li>• Using Social Security Services</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Applying for Section 8 Housing</li><li>• Applying for a H-1B Visa, or Green Card</li><li>• Holding a Rally or Protest</li><li>• Buying a Firearm</li><li>• Adopting a Pet</li><li>• Applying for a Hunting License</li><li>• Applying for a Fishing License</li><li>• Joining a Gym</li><li>• Using Pawn Shops</li><li>• Buying Annual Tickets to Amusement Parks</li><li>• Entering Night Clubs</li><li>• Volunteering at Non-Profit Organizations</li><li>• Voting in a Union Election</li><li>• Buying Cigarettes</li><li>• Buying Liquor</li><li>• Visiting a Casino</li><li>• Buying an "M"-Rated Video Game</li><li>• Going to Jail</li><li>• Participating in Outdoor Activities Like Sky diving, Bungee Jumping, etc</li><li>• Participating in Political Events</li></ul> |
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## When Valid IDs Are NOT Required:

Voting



Those last few are programs specifically designed to help underprivileged groups, especially minorities. How is it not discriminatory for these programs to require I.D., but it is for voting?

In fact, I have heard several black Americans take offense at the argument, saying it implies they are too ignorant to get an I.D. This view is reflected in a recent Rasmussen poll, which found that a whopping 73% of black voters want voter I.D, as well as 81% of non-whites, and 75% of all Americans.

I have another list – nobody leave! – of 114 full or partial democratic countries that require I.D. to both register to vote and to vote.

**Full or partially democratic countries that require ID to register to vote or cast a ballot on election day in all districts**

✓ Iceland	✓ India	✓ Romania	✓ Malawi
✓ Sweden	✓ Taiwan	✓ Mongolia	✓ Kenya
✓ New Zealand	✓ Chile	✓ Lesotho	✓ Liberia
✓ Denmark	✓ Belgium	✓ Serbia	✓ Uganda
✓ Canada	✓ Cyprus	✓ Malaysia	✓ Macedonia
✓ Ireland	✓ Slovenia	✓ Sri Lanka	✓ Madagascar
✓ Switzerland	✓ Lithuania	✓ Hong Kong	✓ Turkey
✓ Finland	✓ South Africa	✓ Tunisia	✓ Kyrgyzstan
✓ Australia	✓ Jamaica	✓ Singapore	✓ Bhutan
✓ Luxembourg	✓ Latvia	✓ Namibia	✓ Thailand
✓ Netherlands	✓ Slovakia	✓ Paraguay	✓ Bosnia and Herzegovina
✓ Germany	✓ Timor-Leste	✓ Guyana	✓ Nepal
✓ Austria	✓ Greece	✓ Senegal	✓ Lebanon
✓ Malta	✓ Panama	✓ Papua New Guinea	✓ Nicaragua
✓ United Kingdom	✓ Trinidad and Tobago	✓ Moldova	✓ Morocco
✓ Spain	✓ Bulgaria	✓ Zambia	✓ Burkina Faso
✓ Mauritius	✓ Indonesia	✓ Georgia	✓ Venezuela
✓ Uruguay	✓ Argentina	✓ Honduras	✓ Sierra Leone
✓ Japan	✓ Philippines	✓ Guatemala	✓ Nigeria
✓ Italy	✓ Brazil	✓ Albania	✓ Palestine
✓ Cape Verde	✓ Poland	✓ Ecuador	✓ Pakistan
✓ France	✓ Suriname	✓ Tanzania	✓ Cambodia
✓ South Korea	✓ Ghana	✓ Bangladesh	✓ Myanmar
✓ Costa Rica	✓ Croatia	✓ Montenegro	✓ Iraq
✓ Botswana	✓ Hungary	✓ Ukraine	✓ Mozambique
✓ Portugal	✓ Dominican Republic	✓ Mali	✓ Haiti
✓ Israel	✓ Colombia	✓ Benin	✗ United States
✓ Estonia	✓ Peru	✓ Fiji	
✓ Czech Republic	✓ El Salvador	✓ Bolivia	

Russia isn't on the list. Big surprise, they don't want honest elections. But the U.S. isn't on it, either. We should not be in the same category as Russia. For that reason, and to support American voters of all races, I urge you to support this bill.

Thank you.

Rasmussen's findings are supported by those of a [national survey of U.S. voters](#) conducted by the Honest Election Project, which revealed that 77% support voter I.D. requirements, including strong majorities of Blacks (64%) and Hispanics (78%). This survey also found that 64% of voters "want to strengthen voting safeguards to prevent fraud, rather than eliminate them to make voting 'easier.'"

# **SB0567-Elections-In-Person Voting-Proof of Identit**

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## **SB0567-Elections - In-Person Voting - Proof of Identity**

### **Stance: Unfavorable**

**Testimony:** My name is Adiena Britt and I live within the 45<sup>th</sup> Legislative District. I am writing testimony against Senate Bill 0567. This Bill is a veiled attempt at voter suppression and disenfranchisement. The Citizenry of the State of Maryland are better than that. There is no proof that there are any cases where a person was attempting to vote utilizing another individual's identity. This Bill is just a sorry attempt to create some phantom issue where none exists. Maryland Citizens know better and see this for what it is. This should die on the floor of the Senate and be seen for what it is. Voter Suppression and Disenfranchisement.

# **2023-03-14 SB 567 OAG Opposition.pdf**

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TO: The Honorable Brian Feldman  
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RE: SB0567 – Elections – In Person Voting – Proof of Identity (Oppose)

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The Office of Attorney General urges an unfavorable report on Senate Bill 567. This bill amends § 10-310 of the Election Law Article to require an election judge to further establish a voter's identity by having the voter present a photo identification (governmental issued or non-governmental issued) or other form of documentation proving the voter's name and address. Under current law, a voter must already provide their date of birth and address to be verified against the election register. The bill further amends the criminal provision of Election Law § 16-201 to criminalize voting or attempting to vote under a false form of identification. Under § 16-201(a)(1), voting under a false name and voting while impersonating another person are already crimes.

Voter identification requirements are unnecessary and serve to disqualify otherwise eligible voters. They disparately impact the elderly, people of limited means, and people of color.<sup>1</sup> They are, in short, a solution in search of a problem because there is no evidence of widespread voter fraud. Maryland law should seek to expand the franchise to as many eligible citizens as possible, not to constrict the franchise to only those individuals with ID and proof of address.

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<sup>1</sup> Sari Horwitz, Getting a Photo ID So You Can Vote is Easy. Unless You're Poor, Black, Latino or Elderly, Wash. Post (May 23, 2016), available online at: [https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/courts\\_law/getting-a-photo-id-so-you-can-vote-is-easy-unless-youre-poor-black-latino-or-elderly/2016/05/23/8d5474ec-20f0-11e6-8690-f14ca9de2972\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/courts_law/getting-a-photo-id-so-you-can-vote-is-easy-unless-youre-poor-black-latino-or-elderly/2016/05/23/8d5474ec-20f0-11e6-8690-f14ca9de2972_story.html) (last visited Jan. 27, 2023); see also, Issie Lapowsky, A Dead-Simple Algorithm Reveals the True Toll of Voter ID Laws, Wired (Jan. 4, 2018), available online at: <https://www.wired.com/story/voter-id-law-algorithm/> (last visited Jan. 27, 2023).

For the foregoing reasons, the Office of the Attorney General urges an unfavorable report on Senate Bill 567.

cc: The Honorable Justin Ready & Committee Members

# **SB 567.DD Council.Oppose.pdf**

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**Maryland Developmental  
Disabilities Council**

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**Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee  
SB 567: Elections – In-Person Voting – Proof of Identity  
March 14, 2023  
Position: Oppose**

The Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council (DD Council) is an independent, public policy organization that creates changes to make it possible for people with developmental disabilities to live the lives they want with the support they need. People with developmental disabilities and their families lead the DD Council. **From that perspective, the DD Council opposes HB 35 due to the disproportionate and negative impact it would have on voters with developmental disabilities.**

**WHAT** does this legislation do?

- Requires a voter to present government or nongovernment-issued photo identification or other documents that state the voter's name and address to vote a regular ballot.
- Requires election judges to refer a voter for a provisional ballot if they cannot provide identification.

**WHY** is this a problem?

- It makes voting more difficult, burdensome, and cumbersome.
- It disproportionately affects voters with disabilities because they are nearly twice as likely not to have photo identification.
- It creates barriers for people with developmental disabilities, who are more likely to vote by absentee ballot due to existing voting location accessibility issues.<sup>1</sup>

Voters with developmental disabilities want and need access to participate effectively in the electoral process. HB 35 is a step in the wrong direction. **For that reason, the DD Council opposes SB 567.**

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<sup>1</sup> [www.eac.gov/sites/default/files/voters/Disability\\_and\\_voting\\_accessibility\\_in\\_the\\_2020\\_elections\\_final\\_report\\_on\\_survey\\_results.pdf](http://www.eac.gov/sites/default/files/voters/Disability_and_voting_accessibility_in_the_2020_elections_final_report_on_survey_results.pdf)

# **SB567.VoterID.23.pdf**

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### **Senate Bill 0567**

### **In Opposition Of**

### **Elections – In-Person Voting – Proof of Identity Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee Hearing: March 14, 2023**

Dear Honorable Senator Brian Feldman, Chair, and Honorable Senator Cheryl Kagan, Vice Chair, and other distinguished Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee members,

### **The Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA) opposes SB 0567 Elections – In-Person Voting – Proof of Identity.**

This bill seems to be response to a problem that does not exist in Maryland. Maryland is noted for its fair and honest elections. We can be proud of the way we conduct our elections.

This bill, which on its surface would appear to be a reasonable request to provide identification at a polling place or early voting center, is an unreasonable request for many older citizens and other vulnerable adults. Many of these citizens no longer have a driver's license, and many are no longer living in their homes and do not have access to other forms of identification, as would be required by this bill.

AARP is also in opposition to this bill stating that, "the older you get, the more likely you won't have an ID". They found that many citizens over the age of 65 lack a current government issued photo.

On behalf of the over 12,000 members of the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association, we urge an unfavorable report on SB 0567.

Sincerely,

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