### **SB 750 Voter ID Written Testimony 14 March 2023.pd** Uploaded by: Amy Waychoff

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 750, Election Law - 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 750.

# 230313-SB750-voter-ID.pdf Uploaded by: Christine Hunt Position: FAV

Christine Hunt and Jay Crouthers 1014 Dockser Drive Crownsville, MD 21032

March 13, 2023

Maryland General Assembly Members of the Education, Energy and the Environment Committee Annapolis, MD

RE: SB 750 – Election Law-Voting – Proof of Identity

Dear Senators,

We support SB 750 and respectfully request that you vote for it.

To ensure the rights of citizens to fairness and justice in voting for their elected officials, providing a valid, government-issued, photo identification with signature and to compare it to their signature at the time of voting is a very reasonable, easy way to ensure the voter's identity is valid.

Elections country-wide have experienced blatant voter fraud and this is a way to keep Maryland's elections fraud free, which is what we and the majority of other citizens desire.

Sincerely,

**Christine Hunt and Jay Crouthers** 

## **SB 0750 Voter ID.pdf**Uploaded by: Dana Schulze Position: FAV

Dana Schulze 1320 Shawnee Court Millersville, MD 21108

March 13, 2023:

Maryland General Assembly Annapolis, MD

RE: SB 0750 Election Law – Proof of ID

Dear Senators,

Election Integrity is deeply distrusted, and voter ID will help to alleviate some of the mistrust.

I am a combat veteran, hold a BS, and MA. I support SB 0750 and respectfully request that you vote for it. I fought and my friends died for our sacred vote in this Constitutional Republic. One legal citizen gets one vote, the great equalizer.

The latest Rasmussen Poll nationwide support for Voter ID is now over 80%.

"Requiring identification at the polling place is a reasonable request to ensure the accuracy and integrity of our elections." So said Rhode Island Gov. Lincoln Chafee - an independent - as he signed his state's new voter-ID law on July 6, making Rhode Island the seventh state this year to pass a common-sense requirement that voters present valid identification before casting their ballots.

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.

This low voter confidence played out in the 2023 General election in Maryland. I submitted (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, <u>total Republican turnout</u> <u>exceeded Democrat turnout by several points.</u> Further demonstrating the bi-partisan distrust of our electoral system.

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.

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%

The claim that voter ID "suppresses" the turnout of minority voters is refuted by academic studies and election results in Georgia and Indiana in 2008 and 2010.

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.

We found this 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)

From a Board of Elections perspective, the 2022 turnout statistics were very disappointing.

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/electionresults/Election%20Results/GG22\_Election\_Summary\_OFFICIAL.pdf

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.

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

#### Notes:

- 1. Williamson County, TN, Rumble: https://tinyurl.com/mudz5u8e
- 2. Dekalb County GA, Rumble: https://tinyurl.com/5n8mdj7n
- 3. Rasmussen Reports, <a href="https://www.rasmussenreports.com">https://www.rasmussenreports.com</a>
- 4. 07/2022 Maryland State Voter Info Snapshot
- 5. 12/2021 Maryland State Voter Info Snapshot
- 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 Uploaded by: Deborah Yatsuk Position: FAV

# 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.

### **SB0750-2023 Proof of Identity to Vote final.pdf** Uploaded by: Ella Ennis

Position: FAV



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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 750 Election Law-- Voting - Proof of Identity - FAVORABLE

Dear Chairman Feldman and Members,

The Maryland Federation of Republican Women strongly support SB 750 to require proof of identification 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.

SB 750 provides an additional protection in having the voter sign their name in the presence of the election judge and having the judge compare that signature with the signature on the photo ID. It also prohibits a person from knowingly voting using a false identification. 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.

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 repeatedly show that an overwhelming majority of Americans support Voter ID.

Please give a **FAVORABLE** report to **SB 750**.

Sincerely, Ella Ennis Legislative Chairman Maryland Federation of Republican Women

# Voting - Proof of Identity Uploaded by: Jean Benhoff Position: FAV

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 <u>my new book</u>, 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 <u>video @ 1:53</u>.)

- 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 <u>Judge Christopher Murray</u>: "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 <u>NeonNettle.com News</u>, 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."

<u>Jenny Trobiani</u>, 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 <u>lengthy statement</u> 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.

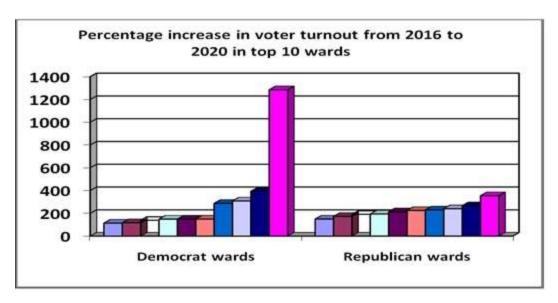
Months after the election, the slowpoke counties finally submitted their voter information, and there no longer was a discrepancy of 202,377 votes. However, the remaining excess of ballots over voters was (and is) over 90,000, and that number exceeds Biden's winning margin of 81,000 votes.

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 <u>link @ pg. 7.</u>)

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.

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

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# **SB 750Favorable3-13-23.pdf** Uploaded by: Paul Jarosinski Position: FAV

#### **SB 750**

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, 17328 Blossom View Drive Olney, MD 20832 Registered Democrat

### **SB0750-Election Law-Voting-Proof of Identity.pdf** Uploaded by: Adiena Britt

Position: UNF

#### SB0750-Election Law - Voting - Proof of Identity

**Stance:** Unfavorable

<u>Testimony:</u> My name is Adiena Britt and I reside withing the 45<sup>th</sup> Legislative District. I am writing to submit testimony against Senate Bill 0750. It is just re-wording and shape-shifting of another Bill being submitted for the same purpose: Voter Suppression. This veiled attempt at supposed "election integrity" is a veiled attempt at voter suppression and disenfranchisement. There have been NO documented instances of any kind of "voter fraud" in the State of MD to any degree that warrants an entire law to be passed. This is election "fraud" fear mongering and the Citizenry of MD are better than this nonsense. Let's call this what it is, Voter Suppression and Disenfranchisement. Nice try though.

## **SB750.DD Council.Oppose.pdf**Uploaded by: Rachel London Position: UNF



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## Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee SB 750: Election Law – 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 SB 750 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-issued photo identification that includes a signature
- Requires a voter to provide a written signature at the time of voting that matches the signature on the identification

#### **WHY** is this a problem?

- It makes voting more difficult and cumbersome.
- It disproportionately affects voters with disabilities because they are nearly twice as likely not to have government-issued photo identification.
- It creates barriers for people with developmental disabilities because:
  - People with disabilities are more likely to vote by absentee ballot due to existing voting location accessibility issues.
  - People with disabilities are more likely not to be able to provide a written signature.

Voters with developmental disabilities want and need access to participate effectively in the electoral process. SB 750 is a step in the wrong direction. For that reason, the DD Council opposes SB 750.

Contact: Rachel London, Executive Director, RLondon@md-council.org

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#### Senate Bill 0750

**In Opposition Of** 

Election Law - Voting – Proof of Identity Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee Hearing: March 14, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

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 0750 Election Law – Voting – Proof of Identity.

This bill seems to be a 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 your opposition to and an unfavorable report on SB 0750.

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Sincerely,

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President Legislative Aide