

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.