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The Honorable Brian J. Feldman
The Honorable Cheryl C. Kagan
Education, Energy and the Environment Committee
2 West
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

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 upmost 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,

Danielle Hornberger County Executive

President of County Council