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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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