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

RE: SB0176-Election Law-Insufficient Number of Candidates for a Primary Election

Dear Senators,

We oppose SB 176 and respectfully request that you vote against it.

We don't need new rules. If there aren't any candidates, then no one wants the job.

The State and County Central Committees need to plan their actions based on the existing deadline, not after.

Please vote against this bill.

Sincerely,

**Christine Hunt and Jay Crouthers**