

February 15, 2023

Testimony on Senate Bill 254
Business Regulation – Charitable Contribution Defined
Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

Position: Favorable with Amendments

Maryland Nonprofits is a statewide association of more than 1500 nonprofit organizations and institutions.

As submitted this bill would have amended the definition of charitable ‘contributions’ in a way that may have unintentionally harmed the effectiveness of the state’s regulation of certain misleading solicitations.

With the amendments that we understand the sponsor and the Secretary of State’s Office are presenting, the bill would deal with a very limited set of circumstances and correct a real problem for organizations performing very valuable services in communities working with primarily volunteers, but distributing donated items in a volume that would otherwise require financial reporting out of all proportion to their actual cash flow and fiscal resources.

We urge you to give Senate Bill 254 a favorable report with the Sponsor’s amendments.