



February 2, 2023

Chairwoman Vanessa E. Atterbeary,
Ways and Means Committee
House Office Building, Rm. 131
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chairwoman Atterbeary and Members of the Committee:

The Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland has voted to offer **favorable** support for House Bill 447 - Local Elections - County Commissioner - District Voting.

This legislation requires that an election of county commissioner representing a certain district be decided by a plurality of votes cast in said district.

Voting is part and parcel to our democracy. As it stands today, changes must be made and protections established within the elections in our State. Currently, Black voters in certain districts are disenfranchised. For these reasons, the Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland supports House Bill 447.

Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland