

## Haven N. Shoemaker, Jr.

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Maryland House of Delegates  
House Ways and Means Committee

RE: Favorable Testimony for HB509

Dear Chair Atterbeary and Members of the Committee:

I am honored to have the opportunity to testify before my former committee in support of House Bill 509.

During my time as an elected official, I have had the distinct privilege of serving as a Hampstead Town Council Member and eventually the Mayor of Hampstead. These results cannot be easily found on the internet, rather you would have to search through local newspaper archives to find these past results.

House Bill 509 would make it easier and more transparent to find municipal election results, and it allows the municipality and the Maryland Board of Elections a more than adequate amount of time to coordinate and post the results. This bill will allow for election results for municipalities to be easily accessible as we continue to adapt to modern technology and see the unfortunate decline of local newspapers.

I would like to thank the Chair and Committee Members for considering this written testimony, and I look forward to a favorable report regarding House Bill 509.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Haven N. Shoemaker, Jr.", is positioned above the typed name.

Haven N. Shoemaker, Jr.