

My name is Deborah Hopp. I am a wife, mother, and grandmother. I am also a Baltimore City ESOL teacher. I am in favor of Bill HB00. I am in favor of Bill HB0022. I think it is safe to say that most people want secure elections. I cannot stress my concern about the security of absentee ballots. With the ballots just being mailed to homes and not secured, our elections are open to being stolen by people who don't care about our country. Having the safeguard of the outer envelope match the ballot secures the validity of the vote. I think what should be considered is election integrity. Most people want to believe that their votes count and that others are being honest about their votes. This measure establishes more consistency in the system and guards against election fraud. Most people polled are more likely to vote if they believe their vote counted. We all want voter participation and voter satisfaction. In the event of an audit, this safeguard provides another security measure that is necessary in keeping our elections free from fraud.

I believe that this bill will make our elections more secure.