

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 HB0035. I think what should be considered here are 2 things: The first and most important is election integrity. Most people want to believe that their votes count and that others are being honest about their votes. Voter ID would establish more consistency in the system and guard 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. For instance, Georgia's voter ID laws have left voters feeling very satisfied with the election process and are more likely to participate in elections.

The 2nd thing to consider are all the things you need a picture ID for. I needed ID to visit my dad recently in the hospital. In Baltimore County, I need a picture ID to be a visitor in any school building. You need an ID to get on a plane. You need an ID to purchase certain items in stores. You need a picture ID to get a driving license or most licenses. A photo ID is required for adopting a pet or rent a hotel room. You even need an ID to apply for welfare or food stamps. We need voter ID to apply for Social Security. If the argument against voter ID

is discrimination, wouldn't it be discriminatory to deprive someone of welfare or food stamps if they didn't have an ID.

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