

March 3, 2023

Ways and Means Committee

Chair, Delegate Vanessa E. Atterbeary
Vice Chair, Delegate Jheanelle K. Wilkins
Room 131
House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

HB-1120: Election Law-Candidate Truthfulness-Oath
Position: Support Favorable

Dear Delegate Vanessa E. Atterbeary , Vice Chair, Delegate Jheanelle K. Wilkins, and Members of the Committee:

Disclaimer: The information provided are my personal comments and opinions and do not represent anyone else, including but not limited to agencies or corporations, or organizations public or private.

I have known Delegate Susan Mc Comas and her commitment to the integrity of the election process. Therefore, as the saying goes "if you see something, say something" and I did. I reached out to Delegate McComas due to my frustration, and concern, about protecting the integrity of the Election process in Maryland. My concern was triggered resultant of the unethical actions of a Congressional candidate in New York, who sought by any means, including material deceit, to win the election. I want to thank Delegate McComas for introducing this legislation to protect the public welfare.

I wrote the first draft and am aware of the content and implications of this legislation and fully support it.

Had I, or any of my co-workers, or Agency Administrators when I was actively employed by the State of Maryland, would have engaged unethical actions, severe discipline or would have been initiated with possible termination of employment. But, there appears to be no recourse to hold a candidate for public office accountable, and in my opinion, there should be accountability to the public (constituents) a candidate seeks to represent.

Sincerely,


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