

**Witness:** Jean Miceli Benhoff  
**Jurisdiction:** Baltimore County  
**Bill:** SB 339 Election Recounts  
**Position:** Against

For the purpose of requiring a petitioner for a recount to select the method for conducting the recount; limiting the methods from which the selection must be made; requiring a local board of elections to preserve and store certain voter-verifiable paper records in a certain manner and count only voter-verifiable paper records duplicate ballots in a manual recount after a certain review; and generally relating to recount procedures.

The current MD BOE and its director are not transparent, in fact just the opposite. It is mandatory that this bill be written and enforced to hold the MD BOE accountable for all of their decisions. Any bill that weakens current law or voids responsible election policy is unacceptable.

I am against this bill as it dilutes the current more secure methods of verifying voter recounts. Though this bill appears at first read to be positive, it is not. One who knows the US and MD election law knows this proposed bill is unacceptable as written.  
Thank you for your consideration.  
Respectfully submitted.