

In FAVOR HB0035 – Voter Identification Jolie McShane Baltimore County

Voter ID is as necessary as showing ID to purchase alcohol or fly on an airplane. These simple acts of showing ID in these cases is not racist but necessary to avoid fraud or worse, allowing terrorists on our flights. Asking for voter ID is not racist, but simply ensures the integrity of our elections.

The claim that poor people will be disenfranchised from voting if voter ID is required is false. Claiming the act of asking for ID is racist as it assumes poor people cannot obtain identification. How far from the truth is this? It assumes poor people do not have bank accounts, cannot purchase alcohol or cigarettes and certainly cannot not fly on commercial airlines. The claim that poor people do not have identification is inaccurate and false.

Voter ID assures the correct person is representing themselves as a legitimate voter. This protects the rights of legitimate voters by preventing illegal voters from diluting their votes. This also prevents non-citizens from voting.

In the end, the only outcome of a lack of voter ID in Maryland is distrust in the electoral process.