

Written Testimony for House Bill 1222

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I am Brendan Kelly just graduated from college. I work at the airport. I live in Baltimore City, and I come from a long line of Democrats. Maryland delegates need to understand that most of the people in my generation are suspicious and do not trust the government. If you care about my generation and free and honest elections, that protect democracy and liberty, and if you care, whether or not, my generation will start to trust the government of Maryland, then you will do things that give my generation confidence and trust. All this Bill does is create transparency in elections by letting the people see the records of the Board of Elections. What could be simpler? How could anybody be against this? Why would anybody want to hide that information? I could see why a criminal would want to hide what they do, but if the board of elections is doing everything honestly, why wouldn't Republicans, Democrats, and independents all be for this simple bill. This bill just creates transparency, and it would give my generation reason to start trusting the delegates, senators, government, and the system that we need to be honest, accurate, and trustworthy. If you want my generation to have confidence in the elections. If you want my generation to start voting, then you'll vote yes, on this bill to provide us a reason to trust you guys.