

HB 0373 OPPOSE

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Election Law – Voting Age – Board of Education

House of Delegates on Committee on Ways and Means

Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 1:00pm

Dear Delegate Vogel and members of Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Victoria Harvey & I oppose HB 0373 which will allow a Maryland constitutional amendment allowing children as young as 16 to vote in a county Board of Education election.

There will be teachers that use extra credit and grades as a cudgel to vote. Unfortunately, we have some teachers that are activists instead of educators. There are few students that are organically interested in local politics unless they are directed. Allowing children to vote will further muddy already contentious board of education meetings.

I urge you to withdraw HB 0373.