

**Witness:** Katherine Strauch Sullivan  
**Jurisdiction:** Baltimore County

**Bill:** **HB1222** Local Boards of Elections - Maintenance and Public Disclosure of Election Records

**Sponsors:**  
Del. Adams, Buckel, Chisholm, Grammer, Griffith, Hornberger, Hutchinson, Otto, Tomlinson

**Position:** **SUPPORT**

With 60% of Americans lacking trust in our elections, voter confidence is at an all-time low (<https://news.gallup.com/poll/285608/faith-elections-relatively-short-supply.aspx>). One way we could begin to build back that trust is to make it easier for citizens to request and review the elections records. Transparency breeds trust and our election officials should be doing everything within their power to make our election process as transparent as possible. As the saying goes, “Sunlight is the best disinfectant”. In whatever our endeavor, we should want our decisions and actions to stand the test of inspection. Providing Maryland citizens the opportunity to request and review election records is a win-win for everyone.

Please vote in support of HB1222.