

WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 1222 ENTITLED LOCAL BOARDS OF ELECTIONS –
MAINTENANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF ELECTION RECORDS

Vice President Kamala Harris, while still a Senator once said in a hearing, “I actually held a demonstration for my colleagues here at the Capitol where we brought in folks who, before our eyes, hacked election machines.” More recently in a Georgia courtroom, computer scientist Alex Halderman hacked a voting machine using a pen and an inexpensive smart card. The point, voter integrity is a non-partisan issue.

Our rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are secured by fair and honest elections. Our individual vote helps to guarantee those rights. All votes when counted accurately further guarantee those rights. However, a free society needs transparency to trust their voting system.

HB 1222 and its companion SB 1052 are needed to improve our voting system. Marylanders need to be confident and assured that our voting system is free of outside manipulation and tampering. These bills along with others will restore confidence in our voting system and increase participation in the voting process. These bills do not suppress voting, they only enhance voting. Thank you for your consideration.

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