

Written Testimony for **HB 317**: Election Law - Curbside Voting - Pilot Program - Please **VOTE NO** on this bill.

Dear Education, Energy and the Environment Committee:

This bill's purpose is for "...Establishing the Curbside Voting Pilot Program to test the viability of curbside voting in the State; establishing requirements governing curbside voting; and requiring the State Board to report to the General Assembly on the implementation of the Pilot Program by September 1, 2029..."

In an era when we all are concerned about voter fraud, this Curbside Voting Pilot Program is a terrible idea. Voting needs to be closely monitored so that no fraud occurs. This Program would work against that goal.

The body of the bill states "...A LOCAL BOARD SHALL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE FOLLOWING FACTORS WHEN DETERMINING A LOCATION FOR CURBSIDE VOTING: ACCESSIBILITY OF THE LOCATION TO HISTORICALLY DISENFRANCHISED COMMUNITIES; PROXIMITY OF THE LOCATION TO DENSE CONCENTRATIONS OF VOTERS; ACCESSIBILITY OF THE LOCATION BY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION; AND MAXIMIZING VOTER PARTICIPATION, INCLUDING THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY CENTERS AND PUBLIC GATHERING PLACES AS LOCATIONS FOR CURBSIDE VOTING..."

I have a few issues with these stipulations. Why is the bill targeting accessibility to "historically disenfranchised communities" only and not **all** communities? The bill does not mention any other communities. Who are these "historically disenfranchised communities"? There is no definition for this term. Also, why is the bill targeting "community centers and public gathering places" and "other appropriate buildings"? The bill also does not define these terms either. We already have voting at libraries and churches as some of the many places citizens can vote during Early Voting and on Election Day. There are many places to vote! What is the end goal of this bill? Is it to have a voting location on every corner in every city or town? Also, this bill appears to treat voting as cavalierly as a drive-thru restaurant!! Not to mention the fact that there is no place in this bill that indicates that there would be any confirmation of voter identity!! So, are we now just going to let a bunch of random people driving up to a "curbside voting location" in their vehicles vote, both during Early Voting and on Election Day, with no requirement for them to prove that they are a citizen and a registered voter?!! That screams fraud to me!!

I do not see any good outcomes for this Pilot Program, nor for the concept of “Curbside Voting”. There are too many risk factors for voting fraud!!

Please **VOTE NO** on this bill to show Marylanders that you take voting seriously and want to strengthen security measures to prevent voting fraud!!

Thank you.

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