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Maryland General Assembly
Members of the Education, Energy and the Environment Committee
Annapolis, MD

RE: SB 18 – Election Law – Early Voting – Number of Days

Dear Senators,

We support and respectfully request that you vote for the above bill.

As election judges, and number among those who have cast their votes during early voting, we know the time and effort and the number of people that are needed to cover the judge positions required for an election day. It is also a long day for the judges who volunteer.

At early voting sites that we have visited, they are mostly empty of voters – at least in the middle of the day.

In Anne Arundel County, we are always short of judges, and assume other counties are as well. Reducing the number of days of early voting will enable the Board of Elections to more easily cover the positions needed, in part, because judges may be more inclined to volunteer for a shorter commitment.

Sincerely,

Christine Hunt and Jay Crouthers