

Testimony for SB0002, Constitutional Amendment  
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Support

My name is Dr. Paula Bienenfeld. I am testifying in support of Bill SB0002. For too long residents in Maryland have been without the right to vote for our state legislators. In my county, Montgomery County, approximately 40 percent of our statehouse legislators were chosen by a small group of insiders. In one district, District 16, of the four legislators, three have been selected instead of voted into office. We do not have the right to vote. This is unconscionable.

Legislators are chosen in Montgomery County by the Democratic Central Committee. This has to end and residents of Maryland must get back our right to vote. According to Wikipedia, the idea of a 'central committee' here in Maryland was dreamed up by the Democratic Party so they could support their candidate for president, Andrew Jackson. And since then nothing has changed. This bill is a step toward remedying that. Marylanders demand the right to vote.

Thank you.