

Dear members of the Maryland legislature,

We are writing to urge you to support **HB1113**, a bill that would upgrade Maryland's partial automatic voter registration system to **enhanced automatic voter registration** — the gold standard of voter registration systems, adopted by over ten states, including leaders in electoral participation like Colorado, Oregon, and Minnesota, to name a few.

Over the past few years, the importance of strengthening and protecting our democracy has become more evident than ever before in our nation's history. Democracy works best when every eligible Maryland resident can exercise their freedom to vote in an efficient, secure, and inclusive process regardless of background, geography, or demographics.

**Enhanced automatic voter registration helps streamline that process and ensures the electorate is reflective of our communities.**

This year, legislators and elected officials in Maryland have the opportunity to adopt the most efficient and secure system for registering eligible voters and updating current voters' registrations at government agencies. The bill will accomplish four important goals:

1. **Engaging New Voters:** Enhanced AVR will get more unregistered Marylanders registered to vote - only after carefully verifying their eligibility.
2. **Keeping Voter Rolls Up to Date:** Enhanced AVR will be more effective at keeping current voters' information up to date, ensuring cleaner, more accurate voter rolls.
3. **Leading by Example:** Enhanced AVR can position Maryland as a national model for an election system that empowers voters while maintaining integrity--providing a strong alternative to divisive federal legislative proposals.
4. **Increasing Efficiency:** Enhanced AVR increases the efficiency of the current voter registration system, yielding savings for MVA, SBE, and local elections officials.

In addition to being the most efficient and secure automatic voter registration system, enhanced AVR **provides additional protections for noncitizens** against making an inadvertent mistake with severe immigration consequences by preventing non-citizen customers from being asked about voter registration during their MVA visit. Finally, enhanced AVR **protects the freedom to vote for historically marginalized communities.**

Our democracy cannot wait. The people of Maryland deserve a democracy that works for them, not against them.

Sincerely,

**Advance Maryland**

**Common Cause Maryland**

**Institute for Responsive Government Action**

**League of Women Voters of Maryland**

**Out for Justice, Inc.**

**Indivisible Howard County Maryland**

**National Council of Jewish Women Maryland**

**Campaign Legal Center**

**Ranked Choice Voting Maryland**