Witness: Katherine Strauch Sullivan

**Jurisdiction:** Baltimore County

Bill: HB0115 Election Law - Polling Places - Establishing Voter Identity

(Voter Privacy Act of 2024)

Sponsor: Delegate R. Long

Position: FOR

Voter ID is the most basic election reform a state can make to increase the security of their elections. We need to ensure that everyone voting is who they say they are.

According to a Monmouth poll, **80% of Americans support requiring voters to show photo identification** in order to cast a ballot. (<a href="https://www.monmouth.edu/polling-institute/reports/monmouthpoll\_us\_062121/">https://www.monmouth.edu/polling-institute/reports/monmouthpoll\_us\_062121/</a>).

Voter ID is very popular with the American people. Legislators go AGAINST the Will of the People when they vote against Voter I.D.

Beginning May 7, 2025, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) will require that your license be a REAL ID compliant license.

The right to vote is the basis of our Constitutional Republic. It is certainly more important than the right to travel therefore, the security of our vote should be in accordance with the Real ID guidelines.

Amendment adding clarifying language around what is considered an Acceptable Form of ID: Acceptable forms of identification include:

- 1. Real ID/State-issued driver's licenses or non-driver ID cards.
- 2. United States passports.
- 3. Military IDs.
- 4. Tribal identification cards recognized by the state. We can all agree that we only want legal votes to count. With photo ID, we can help voters trust that everyone voting is who they say they are while at the same time improve election administration.

Respectfully,

Katherine Sullivan