



HB1113: Election Law- Enhanced Voter Registration

Testimony of the Maryland Independent Living Network

SUPPORT

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The Maryland Independent Living Network is a coalition of the Maryland Statewide Independent Living Council and the seven Maryland-based Centers for Independent Living (CIL). CILs are created by federal law. CILs work to enhance the civil rights and quality of services for people with disabilities. There are seven CILs located throughout Maryland, operated by and for people with disabilities. At least 51% of CIL staff and Board are people with disabilities. CILs provide Information and Referral, Advocacy, Peer Support, Independent Living Skills training, and Transition Services to individuals with disabilities in their communities.

The Independent Living Network submits this written testimony in **support** of HB1113, which requires the Motor Vehicle Administration to automatically register eligible individuals to vote when they apply for, or renew, a Drivers License or State Identification Card. Individuals with disabilities often face barriers to full participation in the voting process. HB1113 helps ensure that individuals with disabilities can exercise their fundamental right to vote by making the registration process less burdensome. Accordingly, the Maryland Independent Living Network Strongly supports HB1113 and urges a favorable report.

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