

Witness: Katherine Strauch Sullivan
Jurisdiction: Baltimore County

Bill: HB0091 Elections - In-Person Voting - Proof of Identity
Sponsor: Delegate R. Long

Position: FOR

1. **80% of Americans support requiring voters to show photo identification** in order to cast a ballot. (https://www.monmouth.edu/polling-institute/reports/monmouthpoll_us_062121/). Voter ID is very popular with the American people. **Legislators go AGAINST the Will of the People when they vote against Voter I.D.**
2. Beginning May 7, 2025, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) will require that your license be a REAL ID compliant license. Security in our elections should be *at least* as important as the security of our skies.
3. There is no evidence Voter ID requirements deter citizens from voting.

*A 2012 study by J-PAL North America found that notifying voters of the ID requirements did not negatively affect turnout, and certain messaging actually increased turnout by as much as 1.5 percentage points. **The study also found that citizens who were given the resources and support to get an I.D. still did not vote.***

4. A statewide canvass identified 20 voters who are listed on our official Maryland state voter rolls as having voted but when asked to confirm they voted in the 2020 election, said they did NOT vote. This proves people are actively stealing registrations to vote on behalf of other people. **Every fraudulent vote dilutes honest votes!!!!**
5. Studies show states with strict voter I.D. requirements enjoy higher voting rates.
6. In the event of election crime investigations, it is harder to prove double voting is happening across state line when a state does not require proof of identity.
7. Voter ID also speeds up election check-in and reduces long lines. In Florida, for example, every driver's license has a QR code that links to the state voter database, requiring a second or two for voters to check in and receive a ballot.

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,

Kate Sullivan