Testimony Against HB0174

Honorable Delegates

Please vote against HB0174.

Currently, if there is a vacancy in a Delegate or Senator position, the Governor appoints a candidate nominated by the central committee of the party of the departing person, as was done in District 31 just recently. This process worked well in Anne Arundel County and ensured that a representative from the same party would be selected. The Central Committee members were elected by the people to make decisions like this.

The process is not broken and has worked for decades. It should not be converted to a special election.

Please vote against HB0174.

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