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The Hon. Vanessa Atterbeary Chair Ways and Means Committee 130 Taylor House Office Building Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chair Atterbeary:

It has come to my attention that there were inadvertent errors included in the Fact Sheet that I submitted with my testimony regarding The Local Board of Elections Transparency Act (HB 412). The errors consisted of a misidentification of which local boards of elections currently livestream online all public meetings and then publish an archive of those streams.

A total of ten Maryland counties were identified as providing this service. Upon closer evaluation, it is clear that the majority of these counties do not, in fact, archive meetings. Several counties allow for the public to either watch meetings through Zoom or call in to hear the meeting, so they do have important transparency provisions, but only one county publishes archives of all previous Board of Election meetings.

Included is a chart that provides the most current information regarding the local boards of elections in Maryland. The column of information affected by the errors is highlighted and includes the real live-streaming status of each county.

Thank you for your consideration of the Local Board of Elections Transparency Act (HB 412). I apologize for the potential confusion regarding the previous versions of information that my office submitted. HB 412 will be vital in ensuring our election process in Maryland is more transparent.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

Marc Korman Delegate, District 16