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TESTIMONY ON SB#/0073- POSITION: FAVORABLE

Election Law - Polling Place Procedures - Voting by Elderly Voters and Voters With Disabilities (Accessible and Expedited Voting Act of Maryland)

TO: Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and members of the Education, Energy and the Environment Committee

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My name is Richard Keith Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support of SB#/0073, **Election Law - Polling Place Procedures - Voting by Elderly Voters and Voters With Disabilities (Accessible and Expedited Voting Act of Maryland)**

This bill is personal to me as a person living in a senior community of elderly and disabled persons while I use a cane and mobility scooter in my daily life. This bill will make voting easier for my cohort to make their voices heard in elections.

It will accomplish this goal by requiring the State Board of Elections, as part of the training program for election judges, to include instruction on best practices for assisting elderly voters and voters with disabilities; requiring the Board to establish guidelines for the local boards of election to implement a process to accommodate and expedite voting for elderly voters and voters with disabilities at each early voting center and polling place; requiring the local boards to implement the guidelines and collect feedback on the process; etc.

The collection of feedback component of the bill will let further adjustments occur in voting processes so that every voter affected by this bill can be assured Maryland is committed to making the process as simple and easy as possible.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on SB#/0073.