

FAVORABLE WRITTEN TESTIMONY

SB567

I submit this favorable written testimony is support of SB567. In every facet of life, one must have some form of valid identification. Just to get into this building where this hearing is being held, one must have valid identification. Air travel, the purchase of liquor, checking into a hotel, accessing medical care, everywhere you look, an ID is required. Everywhere, except for voting in the State of Maryland and a handful of other states. Last time I looked, it was just 13 states that did not require an ID to vote. The idea that disadvantaged groups of people do not have the ability to obtain an ID just does not withstand the lightest of scrutiny and is frankly insulting to these groups. Disadvantaged people by their very nature are on some sort of public assistance. How do they access this? With a valid form of identification. Further, the claims that voter ID requirements are disadvantageous to women also does not bear the slightest of scrutiny. Voter rolls are not updated any faster than a marriage certificate can be produced.

We know that valid identification to vote is a common sense requirement. Please favorable consider SB567

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