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Chair Brian J. Feldman
Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
2 West Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: SB73 – Election Law - Polling Place Procedures - Voting by Elderly Voters and Voters With Disabilities (Accessible and Expedited Voting Act of Maryland)

Dear Chair Feldman and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of Fello, we write in support of **SB73 – Accessible and Expedited Voting Act of Maryland.**

Across Maryland, Fello is building communities where people belong. With a team of more than 650 employees, Fello supports over 5,000 people with disabilities each year – creating opportunities that empower people to live the lives they choose. From advancing equity and respect to expanding access and connection, inclusion is at the heart of everything we do. One powerful way this comes to life is through Fello Communities: beautiful, safe, and accessible rental housing that offers choice and stability for residents across income levels, from affordable to market-rate homes.

Voting is a vital way for people with disabilities to experience full inclusion in their communities. It empowers people to participate in shaping policies that affect their daily lives and ensures their voices are heard. SB73 would require the State Board of Elections to establish guidelines for local election boards to implement processes that accommodate and expedite voting for elderly voters and voters with disabilities. It would also mandate training and best practices for election judges.

Providing dedicated lines, clear signage, and priority seating for elderly voters and voters with disabilities will help eliminate physical and systemic barriers that still exist. Additionally, this legislation would allow these voters to provide feedback on the voting process and collaborate with the State Board of Elections to further improve accessibility. SB73 is a crucial step in supporting the state’s ongoing efforts and commitment to removing barriers for elderly voters and people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge a favorable report on SB73.

Sincerely,



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