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House Bill 641

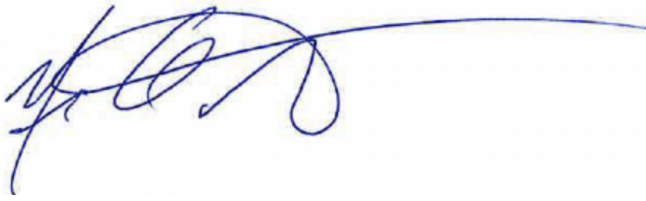
Good afternoon, Chair Wells, Vice-Chair Kerr, and the members of the House Government, Labor, and Elections Committee. I am Delegate Nicole Williams, and I will be testifying in favor of House Bill 641, also known as **Election Law - Curbside Voting - Pilot Program**. This bill would test the feasibility of large-scale curbside voting by implementing it during the early voting period of a state-wide primary election in three counties: one with a small voter registration number, one with a medium voter registration number, and one with a large voter registration number. This pilot program will conclude with a report from the State Board on its findings.

The [Movement Advancement Project](#) accounts for twenty-seven bi-partisan states, plus Washington D.C., that already require or allow curbside voting. Each election cycle, some individuals in Maryland are forced to overcome physical hardships to exercise their right to vote. Some may decide not to participate at all due to inaccessible voting places. While vote by mail is an option, ballots are not automatically mailed to each voter in the state, so if a voter fails to submit the request form, they have to physically go vote either during early voting or on election day. Moreover, voters with physical dexterity issues and those with uncertainties about secure mail delivery are less likely to vote by mail, and as a result, may not vote at all. Additional methods, like curbside voting, may increase the number of people with disabilities who vote in future elections.

Passing this bill underlines our commitment to increasing voter accessibility in Maryland. Establishing this pilot program will help to evaluate the effectiveness of this alternative voting method.

For these reasons, I urge this committee to give a favorable report on House Bill 641.

Sincerely,

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Delegate Nicole A. Williams, Esq.