

Government, Labor, and Elections Committee

March 4, 2026

HB1378

Position: SUPPORT

Dear Chair Wells and Members of the Committee,

As a resident of the 41st district in Baltimore City and the President of Be the Change Bmore, an organization focused on social justice and good government, I am writing to express my strong support of HB1378, Maryland Corporate Power Reset Act.

Citizens United was a disastrous decision that has resulted in enormous sums of dark money being used in our elections.

Quoting from the CAP Report Sept 15, 2025

The Corporate Power Reset That Makes *Citizens United* Irrelevant

“The Supreme Court acted so decisively in Citizens United to shred campaign finance regulations on corporate spending—and has stuck to the decision so firmly since—that there has been good reason to believe that lawmakers and citizens are powerless to protect elections from corporate money and dark money.

But a step taken long ago to retain the ability to rewrite their corporations’ DNA offers a way forward. As former Supreme Court Justice Byron White put it, “The State need not permit its own creation to consume it.”

Americans from across the political spectrum overwhelmingly oppose Citizens United and would dearly like to rid the U.S. political system of corporate and dark money. Voters and the state legislators they elect have the power to do it.”

Please pass HB1378 to begin the process of taking back our elections.

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