

Reverend Brenda Girton-Mitchell

Good afternoon, Chair and members of the Committee.

My name is Rev. Brenda Girton-Mitchell. I am a pastor at Metropolitan Baptist Church in Largo, MD. I believe that any tool that can increase voter participation is essential.

Municipal election turnout often lags as much as 30 points behind national elections.

Mobile voting addresses very real barriers: long lines, unreliable transportation, inaccessible polling places, demanding work schedules, and challenges faced by elders and people with disabilities.

Providing municipalities the option to offer secure mobile voting is a step toward removing unnecessary obstacles and strengthening participation at the local level which is necessary for the health of our democracy.

Thank you.