

TESTIMONY FOR HB0641
Election Law – Curbside Voting – Pilot Program

Bill Sponsor: Delegate Williams

Committee: House Government, Labor, and Elections

Organization Submitting:

Person Submitting: Rebecca M. Turner

Position: **FAVORABLE**

Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

I am submitting this testimony in support of HB0641 on behalf of Rebecca M. Turner.

HB0641 creates a curbside voting pilot program so Maryland can evaluate a simple idea: making it easier for people with mobility challenges, transportation barriers, or long wait times to cast a ballot.

To me, this bill shows resistance to the federal SAVE Act and other efforts from the current administration are aimed at narrowing who can vote and making registration more difficult. HB0641 is one step toward moving Maryland in the opposite direction by strengthening access to the ballot box.

When voting becomes harder, participation drops—and the people most affected are the ones who already face barriers. HB0641 helps ensure that Marylanders are not pushed out of the democratic process by obstacles that can be easily removed.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge a **FAVORABLE** report on HB0641.

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