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**SUPPORT: SB0241 - Election Law - Individuals Released From State
Correctional Facilities - Automatic Restoration of Voter Registration**

Mme. Chair and Members of the Committee:

Maryland LCV supports SB 241 (Election Law - Individuals Release From State Correctional Facilities - Automatic Restoration of Voter Registration) which would automatically restore the voter registration of people who are being released from Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) facilities and were previously registered to vote. We thank Senator Augustine for his leadership on this issue.

The right to vote is fundamental to our democracy, and by extension our environmental future, yet thousands of Marylanders who have served their sentences remain disenfranchised due to unnecessary bureaucratic barriers. SB 241 (and HB 115, the House crossfile) requires that the State Board of Elections use existing secure processes to restore the voter registration of any eligible voter released from a DPSCS facility who was previously registered to vote in Maryland. To facilitate the identification and reregistration of these voters, each week the DPSCS would send the SBE a list of the names and new residential addresses of anyone released the preceding week from a state correctional facility. Then, SBE confirms eligibility and restores the registration or processes the new registration.

SB 241 ensures returning citizens' right to vote has been restored and thereby increases their access to and participation in our elections.

Maryland LCV respectfully urges a favorable report on this important bill.