

Written Testimony in Support of House Bill 2101

Withdraw and Repeal of Duplicate Proposed Constitutional Amendment

Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,
My name is Prachi Tyagi, and I am a student at Richard Montgomery High School. I am writing in strong support of House Bill 2101.

A functioning democracy depends on clear laws, organized processes, and careful decision-making. House Bill 2101 takes an important step in ensuring that Maryland's legislative process remains clear and efficient by withdrawing and repealing a duplicate proposed constitutional amendment related to collective bargaining for State employees.

When multiple identical or overlapping constitutional amendments move through the legislative process, it can create unnecessary confusion for lawmakers, voters, and members of the public. Constitutional amendments require careful consideration because they directly affect the foundation of how our government operates. Ensuring that only the appropriate proposal moves forward helps preserve transparency and allows voters to clearly understand the question they are being asked to consider.

As a student involved in civic engagement and public policy, I have learned that strong institutions depend on thoughtful processes. The way legislation is introduced, reviewed, and presented to the public matters. Removing a duplicate proposal does not prevent important discussions from taking place; instead, it ensures that those discussions happen through a clear and organized process.

House Bill 2101 promotes good governance by reducing confusion and allowing the General Assembly and Maryland voters to focus on the correct constitutional amendment. A streamlined legislative process strengthens public confidence because residents can better understand the issues being considered and the choices they are being asked to make.

Maintaining clarity in our laws is especially important for younger generations who are becoming more engaged in government and civic life. Students across Maryland are learning how decisions are made and how laws shape our communities. A transparent and organized legislative process helps build trust and encourages continued participation in our democracy.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to issue a favorable report on House Bill 2101. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Prachi Tyagi
Richard Montgomery High School